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Warden Eleanor Harrison said an appreciative farewell to her year as County Warden at a banquet Friday evening

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The Archie Stouffer Elementary School raised more than \$22,000 through their Magazine Sales Fundraiser. Students were more than willing to change their gender to celebrate the total at the annual magazine sales assembly as shown here by Marcus Hewitt, Crystal Dugan, Brock Brown in the front row. In the second row is Kelci Haley, Matt Eno, Derek Carpenter and at the back in the middle is Brady Hicks.



Golden Jubilee medal recipient

Don McCumber is one of three local people to receive a special tribute from the Queen

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In Quotes

"It gives you a strong desire to live life more fully and try to do something for someone else every day."

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HHHS deficit relief on the way

by SHERYL LOUCKS
Times staff

The growing weed in health care, hospital deficits, are to be weeded out with new funding announced by Tony Clements, Minister of Health and Long Term Care.

The minister announced during the recent Ontario Hospital Association's annual general meeting that the province will be making up to \$350 million available to pay down hospital deficits. Clements announcement only applies to operating expenses and will not affect the debt load from capital projects such as the construction of HHHS's facilities.

"We were very pleased to hear that. We probably won't see any money till next March but it sounds like it will help to cover the operating deficit," says Jack Brezina, Haliburton Highlands Health Services board chair.

He explained it has been difficult for HHHS to operate when they have been under-funded according to the province's own funding formula.

Cathy Outram, chief financial officer, explained last year's deficit was \$300,000

which means they are out that cash while the projected deficit for the fiscal year of 2002-2003 is approximately another \$200,000.

How much HHHS will receive will depend on the results of a third party review Clements says the government will have done. The review is suppose to determine how money

should be allocated.

"There are 186 hospitals in Ontario and they are saying the review will be done in three months. They'll have to be really clipping along," says Outram.

She commented that in a November 6 meet-

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Official plan should consider need for jobs, councillor says

by SHERYL LOUCKS
Times staff

Minden Hills consists of more than lakefront properties so the new draft official plan should also focus on job creation for residents and future development, says Ron Buchanan, municipal councillor.

"Most of the discussion this morning has been around lakefronts and cottaging. There are people who live here and want to remain here. They

need jobs and room in the municipality for industry and business," says Buchanan.

He added there is not enough in the draft official plan to his liking around this issue so he was encouraged to hear some people at a public meeting on Saturday talking about the need for more visionary planning, the conscious development of a drawing card to attract residents and keep people here.

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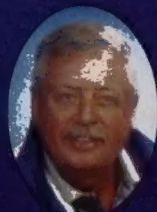
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Mental health task force prepares to make final recommendations

by ALLISON TAYLOR
Times staff

More beds earmarked for mentally ill patients, more educational programs, more local program development and more funding, are just a few of the recommendations that the mental health implementation task force will submit to the provincial government in an effort to reform mental health care here in Haliburton County and the province of Ontario.

"The recommendations that are going forward to the Ministry [of Health and Long-Term Care] are directly from the local communities," said local task force chair Jean Achmatowicz-MacLeod. "I'm truly satisfied that the challenges facing Central East will be met and I feel that what we recommend will be useful."

Counties such as the Haliburton, Northumberland, Peterborough and York fall under the jurisdiction of the Central East (Whitby) Health Task Force, one of nine task forces in Ontario that has been developing recommendations on the implementation of mental health reform.

After years of work, that started with research in 1983, the task force will be ready to reveal its recommendations to the Ministry by the end of December, said Achmatowicz-MacLeod.

The chair, and a few other members of a various committee and sub-committees that work with the task force, met at the Minden Hospital to discuss some of the task force's recommendations with the community, heeding a particular focus on the needs of seriously mentally ill patients. This was the first of seven public meetings that will be held throughout Central East as the task force reaches its final phase of its mandate. Task Forces across the province will submit final recommendations on reforming mental health by December 31.

The thrust of the recommendations

include a system that builds on the existing services with additional call and information resource centres, community-based options, specialized services, local program development, integration of services, consistent quality of services throughout the region and accountability in the system.

The proposed recommendations will provide choices to persons with mental illness, allowing them to set and realize personal goals and to acquire the skills and resources needed to achieve independence and well-being, said Achmatowicz-

"I'm truly satisfied that the challenges facing Central East will be met."

JEAN ACHMATOWICZ-MACLEAD

MacLeod.

After returning from a meeting with MPPs from Central East (Whitby) on November 18 at Queen's Park, Achmatowicz-MacLeod said the recommendations compiled by the task force were not going to happen overnight.

"We need a lot of good will from everybody to make this work," she said. "We need more people working within the system and we need more money but with time the changes will start to happen."

The Central East region, including Haliburton County, is the lowest per capita funded region in Ontario with \$14.6 million in mental health expenditures such as community mental health programs, outpatient medical salaries and homes for special care or supportive housing.

It is the second lowest funded region in

the province for mental health programs services tied to hospitals at \$40.3 million with no mental health beds in the Highlands.

June Partridge, a local member of the task force and the chair of the consumer/survivor advisory committee, says that the task force has already taken steps forward in bringing mental health issues to the forefront of the ministry.

Things like de-stigmatizing people with mental illness and educating the public will start the ball rolling in reforming mental health care, Partridge said.

"I'm excited about the recommendations, I just wish they could have happened yesterday," she said. "It's a slow process but I have a mind-set that it will change."

Among other challenges facing Haliburton County, transportation to medical facilities and the stigma of being diagnosed with a mental illness, are ongoing issues that need to be addressed, Partridge said, adding that rural communities tend to ostracize people diagnosed with mental illness, and that education would help prevent this from happening.

There is still a long way to go before any of the task force recommendations are implemented.

The task force was only charged with making recommendations, it will be up to the Ministry to establish another task force to design and implement the changes.

Achmatowicz-MacLeod said she would like the ministry to appoint a transition team in early 2003 to begin work on implementing the task force recommendations, in an effort to keep momentum going.

"We need to send a strong message to the ministry that we are serious about mental health care," she said. "Mental illness touches all of us in one way or another. The numbers will only continue to grow as our population grows."

Volunteers needed at ASES

by DENISE LEBLANC
ASES School Council

The following are brief reports of items discussed at ASES school council.

Playground equipment

Everyone is enjoying the new playground equipment and Phase Two is being planned right now. Of course, fund-raising for this very large project is huge and is going to take a lot of determination and focus.

Milk/Breakfast Program

Tracey Pratt, chair for the Milk Program says things are up and running but could use several volunteers for a couple of lunch recess's a week. Any help would be appreciated.

The breakfast club continues to feed an average of 120 children, three mornings a week. The little ones are so sweet, it's a very gratifying way to help out at the school and have fun at the same time. The club is seeking volunteers for Monday and Friday mornings. Call the office at 286-1921.

Library

Over the past few years the library has been computerized, every book had to be categorized and input into the computer's database. While there have been many helpers, two people deserve a special mention for their hard work and diligence throughout this process. Gaye Conebeare and Brian Ottoway have the job just about complete and we all owe them a round of applause and gratitude for their dedication. Congratulations.

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Harrison thanks Haliburton County

Warden Eleanor Harrison shares memories and a few laughs at the Warden's banquet, marking the end of her term

by ALLISON TAYLOR
Times staff

The Stanhope Community Hall gave new meaning to the term 'political party' last week, as local politicians gathered with municipal and county staff to toast the outgoing Warden of Haliburton County.

Eleanor Harrison, wearing two corsages, one from her husband and former Warden, Jim Harrison, and the other from the council where she is reeve - Algonquin Highlands, said her year as warden has been "extremely busy."

"It's difficult job to turn someone like myself into a warden," she said after dinner and dessert was served to around 80 invited guests from all over the Haliburton Highlands. "I'm stubborn, outspoken, bullheaded, fun-loving and some have even described me as a party animal...I'm still trying to figure out [if turning me into Warden] worked."

Harrison made history when she became warden of Haliburton County last year. She and her husband Jim became the first husband and wife team in the Highlands, to both serve as wardens in the same county. Jim was warden in 1980.

"Who wouldn't want to make history," she said. "Well here I am...here's history."

She thanked her family for their support and encouragement, and for their constant need to rearrange their schedules around her demanding calendar.

"It's not an easy task for a family members to work around such a busy schedule," Harrison said, "especially where there are three young grandchildren in the picture."

She also thanked Gerald Bain, the CAO of Algonquin Highlands and Gary King, the CAO of the county, for their ongoing support and assistance throughout the year.

"Without my CAO's I just couldn't continue. What's a council without a good CAO?"

Harrison introduced MPP Chris Hodgson and Art Truax, mayor of the



City of Kawartha Lakes, who were both sitting at the head table, before presenting members of county council and the staff to the audience. She also individually identified councillors and staff in Algonquin Highlands, and then named other invited guests as well.

A sizable bouquet of flowers at the head table, placed in front of Harrison, was a gift to the warden from the office staff in Algonquin Highlands - a gesture that Harrison said brought her to tears.

"It's just been overwhelming tonight with all the support that I've had," she said, heeding special thanks to Algonquin Highlands Councillor Kerry Lock, and Deputy-Clerk Angie Bird, for decking the hall with oodles of table ornaments and other delicate touches.

Above, Warden Eleanor Harrison smiles after telling a joke to the 80 people who attended the Warden's banquet November 22. "I don't know many jokes," she said, but managed to get the crowd to chuckle anyway. At right, from left to right, Eleanor's husband Jim Harrison stands with Eleanor and MPP Chris Hodgson after the dinner and speeches. Eleanor and Jim are the first couple in the county to both have served as wardens. Jim was warden in 1980. Hodgson was also a former Warden of the county.

ering the county had just amalgamated from 10 municipalities into four. Nevertheless, she said it was a challenge that she tried to take head on.

From passing the budget, with a 15 per cent increase, for a total expenditure of \$14.2-million, and dealing with a plethora of environment issues, where waste disposal, septage and recycling seemed to take centre stage, Harrison said jokingly that she might be remembered as the "Queen of garbage," because of the county's focus on waste management throughout her term.

Turning to the issue of amalgamation, Harrison said the county should make decisions for the betterment of the county as a whole. One example was of the shortage of doctors in the Highlands.

"Haliburton County has a shortage of doctors. We all need to work together, not just the individual municipalities, to solve this problem as a global community," Harrison said.

Harrison discussed some of the county's accomplishments, such as the partnership in the groundwater survey of the Trent watershed; adding additional staff to the 911 team; working on the county's official plan; providing extra money to the Trails and Tours Network; and various other projects that she briefly mentioned.

"Successes in my years are not my successes but are the successes of all county council and staff," she said.

Harrison said that the county might want to consider increasing the length of a warden's term, making it longer than one year, adding that it takes time for a new warden to get into the swing of things. She also offered considerable appreciation to past Warden Murray Fearrey, who also acted as master of ceremonies for the evening. Mentorship and advice from Fearrey helped guide Harrison throughout her term, she said.

"Eleanor has been a good ambassador for the county. She has done a remarkable job," Fearrey said. "I am pleased to have served under and above her."

Now that she is at the end of her term, Harrison said that she wouldn't seek the warden's chair again next year.

"The year has gone quickly, but I am looking forward to a slower pace," she said.

"Being Warden is an honour and an experience I wouldn't want to miss," she said, "I am in love with this county."

Harrison said she knew her term was going to be demanding, especially consid-



Once or twice a month - will it be enough?

by ALLISON TAYLOR
Times staff

As the workload starts to slow down now that amalgamation is a thing of the past, councillors in Algonquin Highlands are toying with the possibility of switching to one council meeting a month, instead of the two is has in place right now.

Initially, the township agreed to meet twice a month to deal with the extra workload associated with amalgamation. Since the dust has started to settle, CAO Gerald Bain asked councillors at a recent council meeting, if they wanted to continue with the same schedule or reduce the number of meetings per month.

"Over the past three or four months the work load has been reduced," Bain said. Instead of meetings lasting a full day, some of the meetings instead run until noon.

The two meetings, while they provide fast service for ratepayers and for creditors, also "create a double workload for administration," Bain said.

"Some meetings we don't have enough business for a full day, and this takes an extra day of councils time," Bain said, tabling the idea that the township could cut back to one meeting a month.

Before amalgamation the former township of Stanhope only had one meeting a month, Bain said. "It was usually a long day though."

"The two meetings don't create a problem for administration, but council should do as it sees necessary," Bain said.

Councillor Kerry Lock said that one meeting a month is a long time for ratepayers to wait.

"For zoning and severance issues, it will take much longer for ratepayers to have their decisions," Lock said. "I like two meetings a month for service for people. This way ratepayers know that they only have to wait two weeks to talk to us."

Lock was also concerned with the difficulty associated with scheduling special meetings.

"It's hard for us to all find a day that works in everyone's schedule," she said.

Deputy-Reeve Don Shortreed, in favour of having one meeting a month, said that the extra workload on the administration staff should carry some weight in the townships decision.

"It's unfair for staff," he said, "as far as waiting one month for severances - it isn't anything. They still have to go through land division and that takes time."

Reeve Eleanor Harrison recommended that the first Thursday of every month be kept aside for special meetings, and urgent issues that cannot wait for a full month, and that the regular council meet every third Thursday of the month.

Councillor Tom Gardner said he agreed with Lock and continuing the two meetings a month.

"It's better from a work standpoint. I'm not missing in action for a whole day," Gardner said, who also works for a Realtor in Minden. "But I also think I feel more in touch. I think we should try the two meetings for awhile."



Councillor Tom Gardner

Lobbying from Hodgson has helped HHHS

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ing with the ministry, where HHHS operations were reviewed after a quarterly report, the ministry agreed they were about 25 per cent under-funded.

Outram says under the ministry's formula any hospital farther than 40 minutes from a tertiary center is considered to be 100 per cent isolated and warrants extra funding. Haliburton county is also suffering from a lack of

community resources such as physicians which affects the funding formula as well.

"We provide a lot of primary health care here. We operate on a bare bones budget, there is not room to cut the budget without cutting essential programs or staff," says Outram.

She and Brezina agreed having Chris Hodgson lobbying for them has made a real difference in getting them positive attention from the ministry of health. Outram says financially the ministry has been very good to HHHS but they are currently in a process of playing catch-up when it comes to operating expenses.

Brezina explained part of the problem when it comes to getting adequate funding is that HHHS staff fill out the forms the ministry sends and gives them the information the ministry wants not necessarily what the board or staff wants to tell them.

He says this funding announcement is like a band aide solution for an on-going funding problem but there may be hope that the proposed third party review will reveal flaws in the formula.

"These third party auditors may be a mechanism to flag the fact the base of HHHS (funding) is far behind what it should be," says Brezina.

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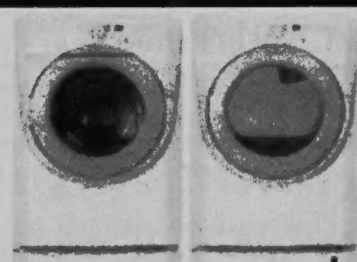
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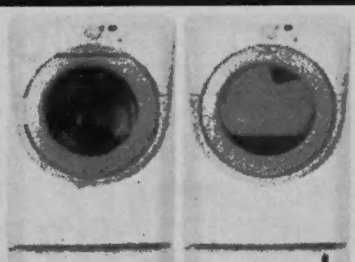
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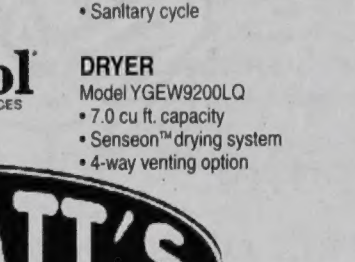
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Environment committee looks at restructuring

by SHERYL LOUCKS
Times staff

The ball has been thrown back into the county's court when it comes to deciding on the size, structure and terms of reference for the Haliburton County Advisory Committee for the Environment.

Known as CACE, the committee was born out of a strategic planning process about four years ago but has since become to unwieldy to function effectively, in County council's opinion. County Councilors told Carloyn Coburn, former CACE chair and Stephen Foster, CACE member in an October meeting they would prefer to see a slimmed down committee with a more defined role for the new year.

Coburn and Foster delivered the message to CACE where committees member discussed the issue at their November meeting.

"It's been a bit of an agonizing process. We felt we had been working well and were surprised when they (county council) were not as happy as we were," says Valerie Hunnius, who has been a member of CACE since its formation.

CACE minutes report four different options were considered by the committee. They discussed disbanding the committee and those interested could form a new county committee or waiting for council to re-organize the committee structure. It was suggested they look to the Federation of Cottage Associations environmental committee and finally, establishing environment committees at the municipal level was discussed.

Hunnus says when they went around the table people agreed it should be up to the county to decide what a new committee would look like. However, she says, there was a strong feeling at the meeting

that the group had worked well together and regardless of the county's decision they would continue in some fashion.

"We'll keep something together. We'll have to find a new name and change the terms of reference for ourselves. We've been having a good time working on these environmental issues," says Hunnius.

Those issues are things like wetland mapping project being coordinated by Ducks Unlimited. It was suggested at the meeting that the \$5,000 given to the committee from the Ontario Trillium Foundation be donated to the wetland project. Hunnius says it was unclear as to whether or not CACE still had the authority to make that recommendation but the wetland project "has been dear to our hearts."

She explained there has been a remarkable core of 14 to 16 people who have been faithfully coming to meetings, even

if it meant driving from Toronto to be there. There has of yet been no decisive split between who wishes to form a new county committee and who wishes to form a new group.

Eleanor Harrison, Haliburton County Warden, says the councilors definitely want to have an environmental committee, likely with seven to nine members.

"We will be advertising for members and people who have been active in CACE will be able to apply to sit on the new committee," says Harrison.

She explained that her term as Warden is up in mid-December so the new warden will have a strong role to play in shaping what the new committee will look like and be responsible for.

CACE as it is currently will have one more meeting on December 7, at 11 a.m. at the Minden Legion, that is open to the public.

Home Support Services gets a little financial boost

by SHERYL LOUCKS
Times staff

Haliburton County Home Support Services is one of 600 agencies to benefit from a \$5.1 million increase in funding from the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care.

The recent announcement may have made Tony Clements, health minister, look good but the reality is the money to increase base funding for agencies like HCHSS was promised and first announced close to a year ago.

Donna Pacey-MacDonald, HCHSS executive director, says their share is \$5,000 and every little bit helps. However the added funding still leaves them behind where they should be and they are operating on the lean side now.

All agencies, she says, in the community based health sector, were promised an increase of 1.39 per cent in funding. Clements said in a press release it is his intention to support programs such as Meals on Wheels and transportation services for those who have no way to get to

medical appointments — both are examples of services HCHSS offers.

However, MacDonald says they still have to raise \$10,000 between now and April just to pay for their basic expenses after they receive the \$5,000. MacDonald is still hoping the government will address the larger shortfall.

The agency has had almost stagnant funding for several years despite a growing number of service users. MacDonald says they rely heavily on a volunteer base to provide most of their programs.

Agencies such as home support services have been a priority for this government that insists primary care at home is better for both the health system and the client. The conservatives claim to have invested a 48 per cent increase in funding since 1995.

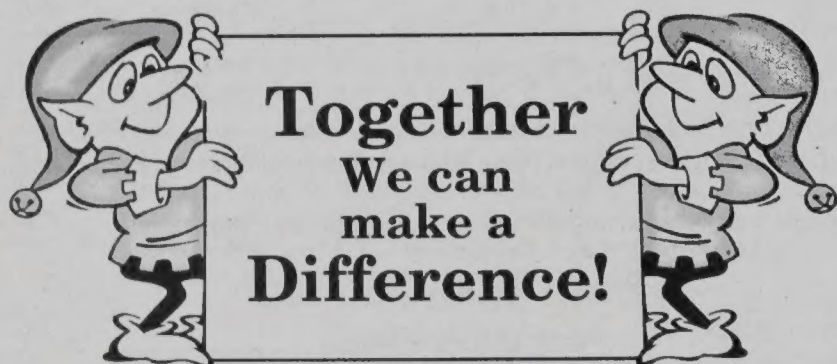
"The people of Ontario depend on quality community services and our government will ensure those services continue to be made available. Today's announcement will benefit thousands of Ontarians," Clements stated in a press release.

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We have over the last six years tried to simplify the whole event to allow more people to get involved. Last year we had 63 companies and individuals participate. At the busiest time of the year all of you took time to help! Thank you.

The Christmas party season is about to commence. The Haliburton County Home Builders would like to encourage you to include this Challenge in your plans. Large or small, each gift is needed to fill the baskets this Christmas.

Each participant in the Challenge receives a ballot in our draw. The winner last year was the West Guilford BINGO. In their name the Haliburton County Home Builders' Association made a donation to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation.



Take this opportunity to help our community!
Thank you for your assistance, Merry Christmas.



The Haliburton Messiah Choir has been busy rehearsing "Song's of Winter" in the Haliburton United Church. Led by conductor Melissa Stephens, the choir performed November 23 and 24 at the Northern Lights Pavillon at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. The choir has been together for 11 years in the county and really show their starts around the Christmas season. Photo by Darren Lum.

Kawagama financial request goes to budget

by ALLISON TAYLOR
Times staff

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the November 21 meeting of Algonquin Highlands Council.

Kawagama Lake Plan

Councillors weren't prepared to make a final decision on whether or not to financially support the Kawagama Lake Cottagers' Association decision to prepare a lake plan.

The township recently received a letter from the Association members, and president Bruce Lewis, requesting some financial support from the township, money that would support the lake plan for Kawagama Lake.

The lake plan will cost the association around \$25,000. To date the association has raised \$8,250, Lewis said in the letter to the township. Council asked for the specific numbers after the association made the initial request last month.

The association has also asked Dysart et al. for some help. Kawagama Lake is shared between the two municipalities.

Deputy-Reeve Don Shortreed estimated that 80 per cent of the Kawagama Lake residents are in Algonquin Highlands, while the remaining 20 per cent pay taxes in Dysart.

"The head water is in Dysart so as far as I'm concerned the money should be split equally," Shortreed said.

Reeve Eleanor Harrison said the town-

ship needed to be careful.

"We have lots of lakes in this township and if we are perceived to help all of them, then this could be a costly project," Harrison said. "A nominal donation is one thing, but to put forward a sizeable donation could set a dangerous precedent."

The township has already given financial assistance to two cottage associations in Algonquin Highlands, both Boshkung and Oxtongue.

Encouraging lake plans and helping out the cottage associations is something that Councillor Tom Gardner said the township should continue to do.

"If it encourages lake associations to help the lakes then I think we should give around \$1,000," he said. "\$1,000 is a good chunk of money."

The final decision will go to 2003 budget deliberations.

Emergency Plan

The township passed a resolution to adopt an updated emergency plan.

Consolidating the emergency plan, from the one that was used in Stanhope and another that was in place in Sherborne, took a little under the year to complete.

The document is still a working plan, Harrison said, "but at least we have a working plan in place for now."

CAO Gerald Bain is the emergency coordinator for the township.

Until now, the Emergency Plan from Stanhope, dated 1986, was in place.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

'Tis the season

How could anybody be offended at the expression "merry Christmas" or at the sight of a Christmas tree? It may be hard to fathom, but in the GTA, we're told, they won't be decorating a Christmas tree this year. They will have a tree, the same as they have for generations – it just won't be called a Christmas tree. The reason the city fathers decided on the change is because it might offend someone.

Anyone who is predisposed to such "offenses" would be well advised to avoid Minden, or anywhere in Haliburton County for that matter, for the next several weeks.

Minden is ablaze with decorations and lights celebrating the Christmas season. Christmas trees abound and it's almost guaranteed in Minden, at least, a Christmas tree will be called a Christmas tree.

It's been a Canadian tradition to wish friends, relatives, neighbours and perfect strangers a merry Christmas for centuries. Christmas trees are a traditional December fixture in most households, in residential yards, business properties and town squares for millennia.

So, why, all of a sudden, is there so much concern that these traditions may in some way be offensive to those who don't celebrate the Christmas season.

This is a country which is rich in cultural diversity. We embrace the celebrations of those who have brought their cultural heritage from other countries. Governments bend over backwards to ensure that our newest citizens are empowered to express their beliefs without prejudice or discrimination. Why, then, would the same governments even consider changing what we all know as a Christmas tree to a "holiday" tree or some other moniker because the name Christmas tree may possibly offend someone. Is it for the sake of political correctness, a term that many would consider an oxymoron.

Ask someone of a different culture to change the name of his or her celebration or an icon thereof and you're likely to get a look of disbelief, at best – or worse, slapped with a charge of discrimination or labeled a "hate criminal."

If we are ever going to make multiculturalism work the way it should, we all have to learn to respect our differences. Reverse discrimination is equally as offensive as the regular kind.

If you don't like the party, you don't have to participate. Ignoring the celebrations is perfectly acceptable. Complaining that it is offensive is not.

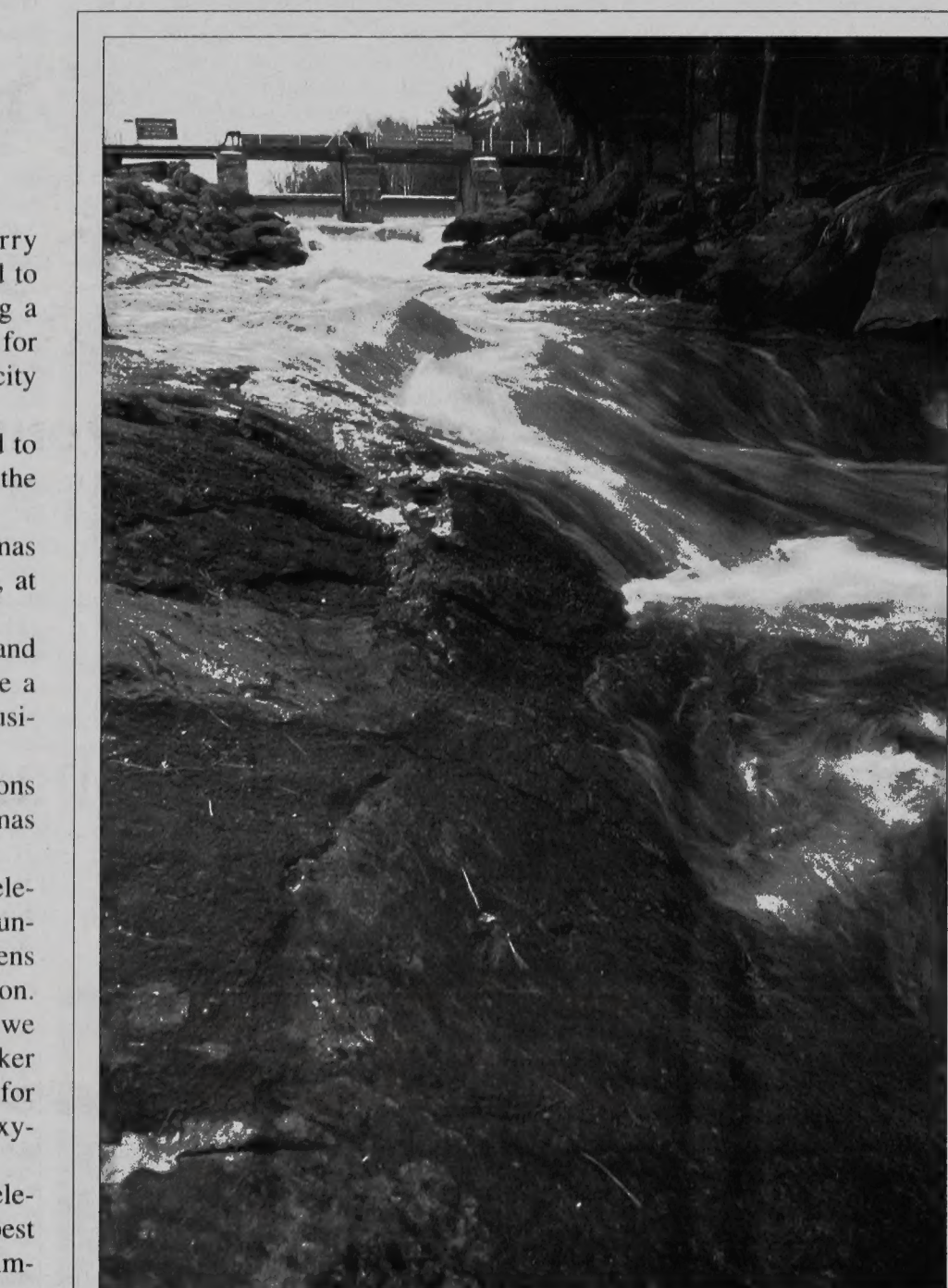
The true meaning of Christmas may have been lost to some. The Christian values may have been replaced with the thought of gift giving or old St. Nick making his way from home to home. Interpretation is up to the individual.

Those of us who celebrate Christmas are not bent on offending anyone. On the contrary, it is a time of giving and sharing.

So, merry Christmas to those who celebrate the season and to anyone who may be offended, just ignore the greeting.

You might want to hide out for a few weeks; take a vacation to some part of the world where you would be more comfortable, or better still, learn to enjoy the festivities with the rest of us.

Special thanks to Ann Neave of Campbell's Garden Centre and Flower Shop and her crew of volunteers who have done a wonderful job of decorating Minden for the Christmas holidays. The village is a much brighter and cheery place because of their efforts. No doubt the decorations will encourage those from outside the area to return during the next few weeks, to the benefit of the local merchants.



IMAGES OF THE HIGHLANDS

Low water at the Wild Water Preserve

Photo by DARREN

TO THE EDITOR

Times readers write

Time to wake up, speak out

To the Editor:

It is always a major surprise that we do not have a revolution in this country. Hydro which everyone needs and uses and market value assessment that will determine your property taxes are prime examples that major action is needed.

When so many homes received their hydro bills in the last 6 months, with costs often double the usual amount, there were only gripes. Nowhere did I see citizens concerned enough to organize protests or any other action. I certainly hope people are not lulled to sleep by the Provincial government's most recent freeze and partial rebates. The whole system is still up for grabs for those who want to make big profits. With this additional time and no revolution on the horizon or policy from the opposition parties who will say one thing and do another, we should all be preparing for alternative arrangements for power if there is any or consider a revolution.

Market value assessment is a cash cow

for the municipalities and townships. They get to raise your taxes and blame it on Peterborough. With the recent explosion in property values everyone will be seeing their assessment rise. Unless this is followed by a corresponding reduction of the tax rate formula than the townships automatically pick up more funds from the higher tax base. We should all be contacting our local representatives and get them on record with their position on reducing the tax formula.

Ron Pellerin
RR3 Minden

Tribute appreciated

To the Editor

Your editorial was an excellent tribute to Minden Hills' 'finest', Clayton Cameron. No one could have said it better. Clayton will be missed.

Hilary Brown, President
Moore Lake P.O.A.

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IN OTHER WORDS

Columnists and Letters to the Editor

Band of Brassieres

Last Wednesday, I survived another night of quality television. My favourite show, *Band of Brothers*, was airing its final episode, the one that would tie up the loose ends in what I consider the finest television series ever produced. But as I was flipping channels to arrive at this much anticipated event, I came across what was touted as the competition, *The Victoria's Secret Fashion Show*. Yeah right.

I shook my head in disgust. Talk about going for the cheap ratings. I mean *Band of Brothers* was quality television, but instead of rising up to the challenge, the competition resorted to that tired, old ploy of gratuitous sex. No wonder they call it the boob tube.

Morbid curiosity forced me to skip the first five minutes of *Band of Brothers* to watch in horror as a bevy of leggy supermodels paraded down the runway wearing only postage stamp-sized nightwear. I couldn't believe my eyes, but when I watched it again, later on another channel, I realized just how far some people

would go to tempt viewers who were less savvy than myself. I won't soon forget that lesson either — not while my VCR still works.

Did television programmers really think that a mature man such as myself would abandon *Band of Brothers* after having watched all eight previous episodes? I mean here was a show with fine cinematography, intelligent story lines, well-written dialogue, historical accuracy and quality acting. And what did they throw against it? Busty international models in skimpy, see-through lingerie. As if they ever stood a chance.

But, ironically, it was my lifelong sympathy for the underdog that softened my almost Puritanical resolve. I mean, the guys from *Band of Brothers* are quality actors with a good future on television

and film. I'm sure I'll see them again. But those poor models might never get another chance to be on prime time TV.

Intellectual though I am, my heart is not made of stone. I thought, who am I to shatter the fragile dreams of those poor young women?

Band of Bros or *Band of Bras*? Would my loyalty lie with Captain Winters and his men or Tyra Banks and her boys? Obviously, the right decision wasn't easy and I struggled with it even as those attention-starved models strutted by, wearing angel wings, feathers and frilly, push-up bras. Try as I might, I couldn't abandon them

in their time of need.

That night, I discovered that I'm a little more sentimental than I give myself credit for. Call me soft, but had I watched that last episode of *Band of Brothers*, I would

have ended a television experience that I wasn't emotionally ready to relinquish yet. I knew I needed a little more time, like say the 40 or so minutes remaining in the *Victoria's Secret Fashion Show*.

It wasn't easy, but I endured, glued to the television, just trying to ease the pain of that final episode. I reasoned that if I never see the final show, it never really has to end. And somehow that made me feel better. That and that one blond woman in the low-cut pink teddy. But us sensitive types get misunderstood. What my wife identified as drool were merely tears that had already passed down these sad cheeks.

No, if I were braver, I might have faced my viewing fears instead of putting on a facade of cat calls and whistles — a brave front, if you will, to hide the deep sense of loss that I was feeling.

But distraught as I was, I managed to put my own needs aside. I sacrificed and watched that show because, from what I saw, those models simply needed the support.



BEYOND 35

Steve Galea

Taking a chance on life

So I'm sitting in my car at the pump while the gas jockey fills my tank with unleaded regular. The ignition is switched off, but I've got the key turned to "accessories" so I can listen to the radio. The pump jockey leans in my window and says: "I'm afraid I have to ask you to turn your car radio off, sir."

"Why is that?" I ask.

"Risk of a spark, sir. There was a gas station in Alberta that blew up because a customer had his radio on while he was getting gas."

Meekly, (I'm Canadian, eh?) I turn my ignition key to "off". I pay for the gas and drive away, making sure my wristwatch doesn't accidentally brush against the window crank producing a spark that will turn the entire town into flaming Armageddon.

And then I think...wait a minute.

I've been filling up at gas stations at least once a week for the last 40 years. Just about everybody I know has been doing the same thing. I can remember seeing guys pumping gas with cigarettes in their mouths. I have never, in four decades, heard of ANY fire caused at a gas pump ANYWHERE by a spark from a car ignition.

On the other hand, maybe the kid was right. Perhaps I'm just an aging desperado

who's grown used to living dangerously. By rights, I shouldn't even be here. I should have died from Extreme Carelessness years ago.

When I was growing up, my parents never strapped me into a kid's car seat — mainly because there weren't any. In those days, kids got to bounce around in the back seat along with the family mutt. We could even roll the windows down and fall out if we wanted to.

The only air bag I knew was an American Airlines stewardess who lived down the street.

Heck, I was lucky to live that long, really. I spent a lot of my infancy in a non-CSA-approved crib and I'm pretty sure my blankets weren't treated with flame retardant. I know I spent a lot of lazy afternoons gnawing on the crib rails with my new teeth. Crib rails sporting a bright red coat of lead-based paint.

Amazing I don't glow in the dark.

And diet! Every nickel I could scrape up by cutting lawns (without safety glass-

es or noise reduction earmuffs) went for Hostess Twinkies, 12-ounce bottles of Kik Cola and all the bubble gum I could stuff between my jaws.

And if we were really good at home,

Mom might make us our favourite between-meals snack: a slice of Christie's white sliced, slathered with butter and then liberally sprinkled with brown sugar. Sometimes on hot days she'd even give us a pitcher of sugar-laced Freshie. Otherwise we'd just drink water from the garden hose.

Medic! We got a dead man walking, here!

As kids, we suffered from a dreadful lack of rules and supervision. We had pea-shooters and home-made bows and

arrows. Bike helmets? Closest I got was a Davy Crockett coonskin cap. Dogs ran free. We cooked up our own pickup games of baseball and touch football without a single coach! We played hockey on outdoor rinks without dressing rooms or anyone to help us with our skates. Some of us even got hurt and had

to get over it on our own. It was a brutal time.

We spent summer afternoons swinging on a rope tied to a branch of a huge maple tree. You took a mighty sprint, grabbed the rope, soared out over the river, let go of the rope and landed in the swimming hole if you timed it right. If you timed it wrong, you landed in a raspberry patch. There was no lifeguard, the rope was rotten and the branch could have come down at any time.

Mind you, by then we had already been coarsened by years of classroom barbarity. Kids nowadays won't believe this, but in those Dark Ages, some of us actually FAILED OUR YEAR. That's right — we were held back and forced to repeat a year's worth of dreary classes until we got it right. It was all based on some primitive academic theory that certain kids were actually smarter and/or worked harder and therefore deserved preferential treatment. Thank heavens we've stamped that kind of thinking out.

We live in much safer times now, but it can feel a little cramped. A smarter guy than me once said: "A ship is safe in a harbour, but that's not what ships are for."

Applies to humans, too.



ARTHUR BLACK

Columnist

Baskets not asked for

To the Editor,

I would like to clarify the statement made in Minden Hills council briefs (November 18) that the Minden and District Horticultural society had "requested that the municipality consider purchasing handing baskets." As I recall, Council members first brought this matter up when the new light poles were installed and the matter was set aside for future consideration by Council. The Horticultural Society has had not hand in this.

Margaret Smith
Community Gardens Coordinator
Minden & District Horticultural Society

Liberal has much to learn

To the Editor:

In "Briefly Noted," it shows that Jason Ward should look a

bit into the career of John Eakins — one of the best MPPs we have had. Barb Dawson, Gord Monk and many others collected a large amount of money to initiate the Hospital funding. John, who held at least two different ministries in the Peterson cabinet, was assured everything was "Go" for our hospitals. For some unknown reason, the Health Minister (I think it was Elinor Caplan) shut everything down.

In the election campaign, he Rev.

TOTHEEDITOR

Times readers write

Drainville said, "It's a given" any time you asked him about our hospitals. It sure was not.

When Chris Hodgson was elected, he worked his heart out to get the hospitals for us.

Thanks to people like Hugh Nichol, Don Poppel and many others, plus the support of Chris and John O'Reilly, we finally have the two new structures.

Jason Ward seems to be an intelligent young man but he would do well to emulate John Eakins.

Bill Valentine
Moore's Falls

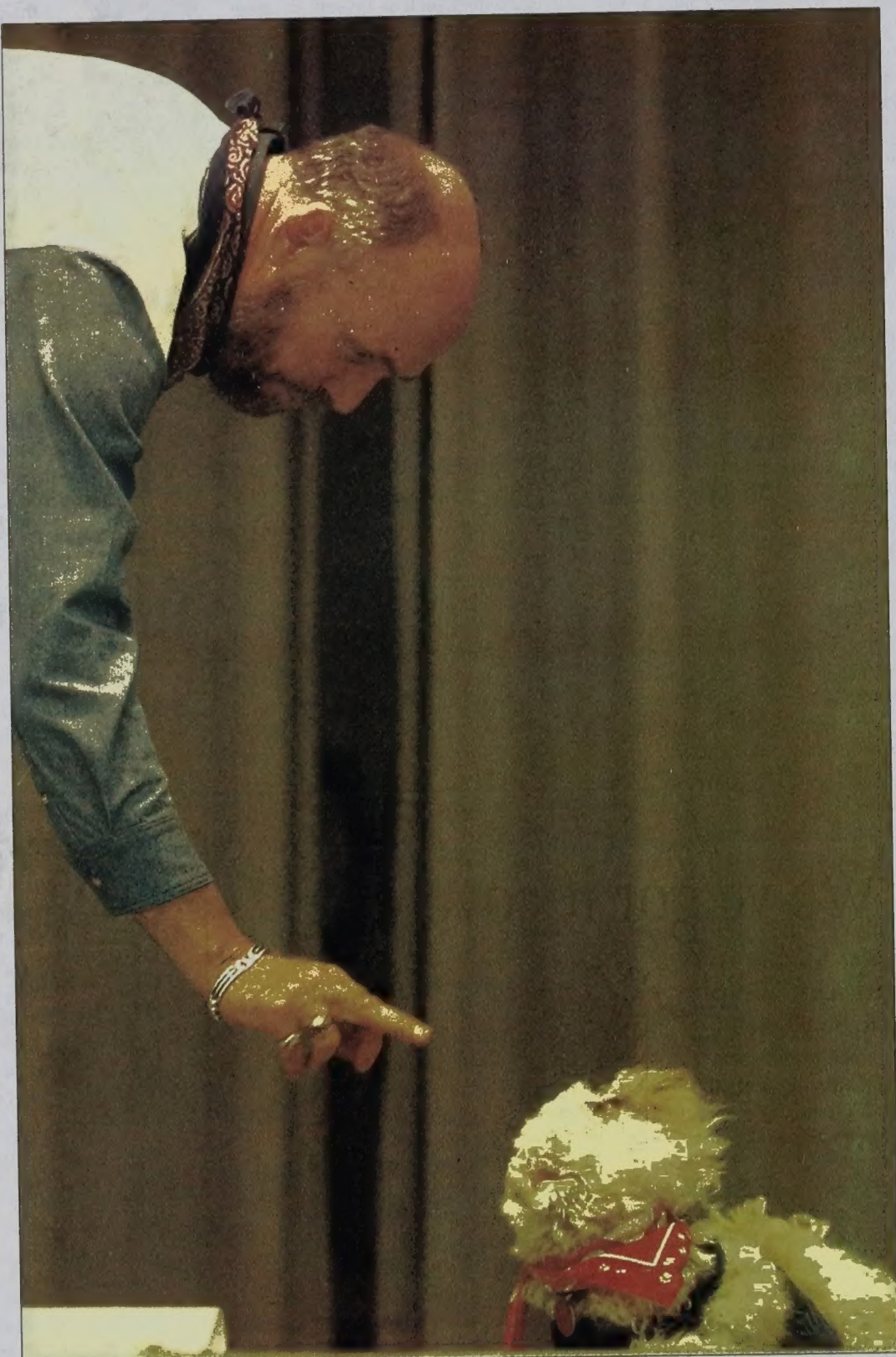
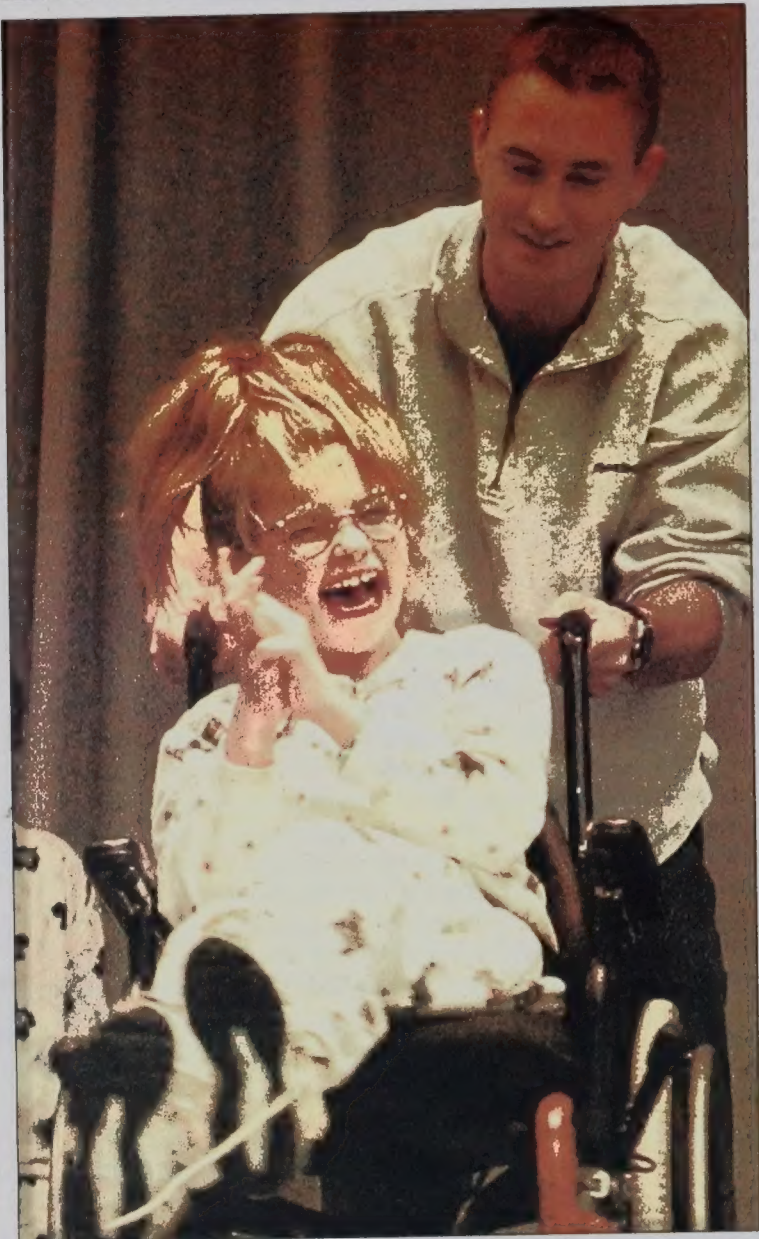
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Reaping their reward

ASES students celebrate fundraising

At an assembly on Friday afternoon, Nov. 22, Archie Stouffer Elementary School students learned they had raised \$22,585 in their annual magazine sales drive. The school's top seller was Conner Duhaime who earned the privilege of putting a pie in the face of ASES principal Rosie Kenney by completing 46 sales. Steve Kerr was second with 38 sales and Mitchell Rea was third with 26. Thanks were expressed to Kathy Adams for her tireless work and the preparation time she put into for the fundraiser.



Top left: Alexa McKinna gets a helping hand and a big laugh from helper Martin Worsley while going through the Village People's rendition and the accompanying dance steps to the song YMCA.

Above: ASES gymnasium was filled with students and enthusiasm.

Top right: ASES teacher Ray Johnson has his dog perform as series of tricks in his last magazine assembly. Johnson will retire at the end of the year.

Left: Lynda Litwin, mother of Tim Litwin, peaks from the stage wings. Litwin was helping direct students in the chicken dance.

Below top left: ASES Grade 4 student Chanelle Hosken laughs while reciting a poem on monsters.

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Hometown Christmas

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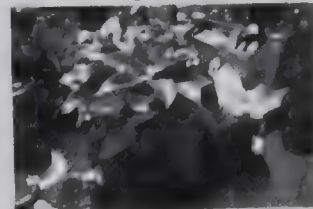
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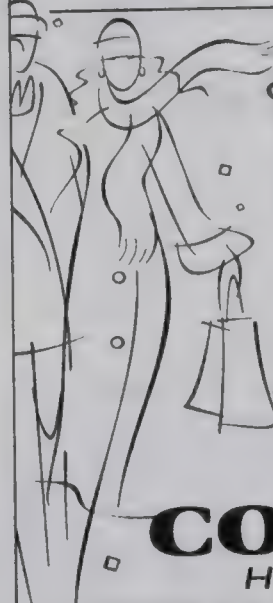
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Cranberry-Ginger Muffins

by Lucy Gray

This is nice to make Christmas Eve and have in the morning with coffee while opening your Christmas gifts...

2 cups flour
1 tspn. baking powder
1 egg
2/3 cup sugar
1/3 c. melted butter
1 cup milk
1/4 chopped cranberries,
dried or frozen or fresh

Topping:

1/4 cup brown sugar 1 tspn. cinnamon
Combine flour and baking powder. Beat egg with sugar, butter and milk. Combine flour mixture with egg mixture. Stir in ginger and cranberries. Scoop batter into muffin pan.

Topping: Combine sugar and cinnamon. Sprinkle over top of muffins. Bake at 400; for 18-20 minutes.. **Makes 12 muffins.**

Christmas RECIPES

Peanut Butter Crisps

by Marg Miller

In a saucepan combine...

1/2 cup brown sugar
2/3 cup peanut butter
2/3 cup corn syrup

Cover and cook slowly over low heat until the sugar dissolves.

Stir in

2 1/2 cups corn flakes
1 cup shredded coconut
1/2 cup chopped nuts

Drop from tspn. onto wax paper. Chill and enjoy Chewy Cookies.

Frying Pan Cookies

by the late Hilda Harrison

Melt 2 tspns. butter in frying pan.

Add:

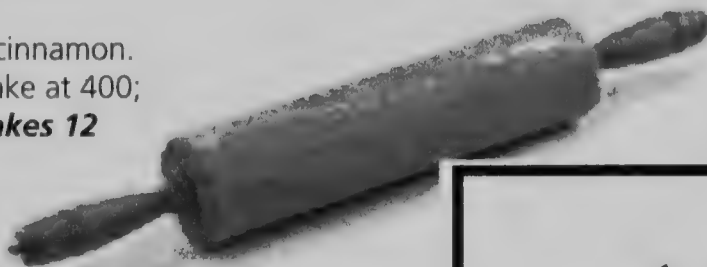
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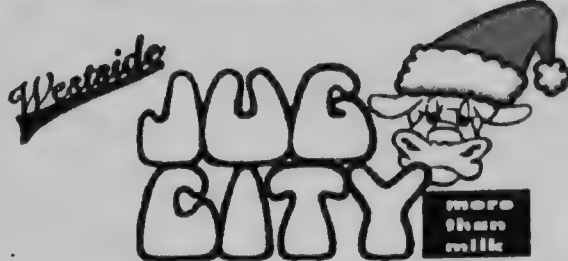
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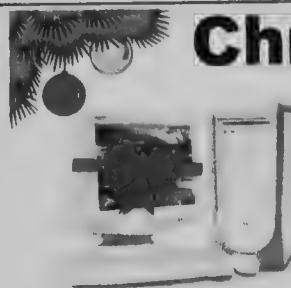
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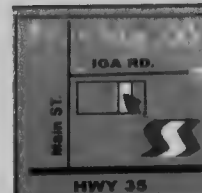
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Serving up friendships with lunch

by NIKKI CAIRNS
HHSS Co-op Student

An OAC Haliburton Highlands Secondary School student has learned lunch periods are more rewarding when you spend them with a buddy. Especially when your buddy is a student with special needs.

Alana Woodcock spends her days at lunch as the OAC Lunch Buddy Program Coordinator getting as much as she puts in to the program by helping to create long-lasting friendships that endure beyond the year.

The program has been uniting students and special needs students for six-years. Started by HHSS teacher Judy Paul and Family Services employee Karoul Talaba, the program has been instrumental in involving special needs students in high school life.

Woodcock loved her volunteer experience so she decided to head the program as its coordinator.

"I love to set up all of the events," she said.

Woodcock adds the lunch buddies can do many things. They can eat lunch, walk around the school, or play games in the classroom.

"It makes you feel good about yourself seeing the kids happy and going out doing something with a buddy. Being a lunch buddy encourages students to get to know one another. It also makes it great for the special needs children because they are not always in the classroom alone with nothing to do. They're involved in school



Darren Lum/TIMES

Everyone wins: Helpers Jill Parish, Nicole St. Pierre, and assistant coordinator Josh Wales see to a happy lunch buddy Larry Reynolds who exclaims, bingo, winning a round of Bingo. Every month Coordinator Alana Woodcock and assistant coordinator Wales have a small party each month for the Lunch Buddy Program, a daily get-together between volunteering students and special education students in Room 1 at HHSS.

life."

She adds, this program not only helps to fulfill the 40-hour community service credit needed to graduate and looks good on your resume, but, more importantly, it's very rewarding to the person volunteering and for the buddy.

As indicated by registration numbers, other students seem to be catching on.

"This year many students signed up for lunch buddies. The response was great. Josh Wales, who is the assistant coordinator and myself spoke to classes at the beginning of October and encouraged students to sign up. Since then we've had 37 students register and more are still

arriving," she said.

Since its inception the program has been a coordinated effort between the high school and Community Living Haliburton County. It continues with the support of students as well as Community Livings Executive Director Maureen O'Hara, HHSS Principal Gary Brohman, HHSS Head of Special Education teacher Bruce Griffiths, and Education Assistant and staff advisor Linda J. Brandon.

Wales and Woodcock thank all the students who have taken the time to share their lunch hour by being a good friend. If you are thinking about joining you can pick up a registration form in room one.

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Bantam AE Storm team advances to tournament final

by SHARON WALKER
Special to The Times

Jim Winn's Bantam AE team held its Highland Storm Hockey Tournament in Minden last weekend.

The Storm's first opponent was Kanta. (Who would ever guess that this game would be the first of two games to go into overtime?)

Ryan Sheffee scored to give the storm the lead, assisted by Tyler Watson and Bradford Burke.

It was end to end action throughout the next two periods of play. Mike Lennox played this game in net and held Kanta at bay until early in the third when the opposition scored to tie the game at 1-1.

This game was very competitive and it was easy to see that overtime was looking closer. At the sound of the buzzer both teams had a short rest, consulted with their respective coaches and the overtime period was under way.

It could have gone either way, but at the end the Storm grabbed the 2-1 victory, with Derek Nesbitt scoring the winning goal, assisted by Sherri Walker and Tyler Watson.

Game two saw the Storm facing off against playoff rivals, the Stirling Blues. Stirling scored first but the Storm came back and tied the game minutes later with a goal by Tyler Watson, assisted by Walker and Nesbitt.

Ian Sachs made several key saves to keep the Storm in the game.

Tyler Watson scored another beauty, assisted by Walker and Brittany Hicks to make it 2-1. With the clock ticking down and Stirling putting the pressure on, the

effort paid off as Stirling scored with two minutes remaining to knot the game at 2-2.

By this time it was afternoon and the Storm players had a crowd of cheering fans to take them into overtime for the second consecutive game.

The next four minutes were a see-saw battle with both goalies seeing black, but it wasn't until fresh legs came on the ice when Devon Hunter scored a breakaway goal, assisted by defenceman Matt Clements for a 3-2 win.

Late Saturday night the Storms played off against a very challenging team, the Selects from Whitby for the A championship.

It was a long but great day for the Storm even though the local players bowed 7-2 to the Selects. Storm goals were scored by Zach Pierson and assisted by Billy Kulas.

Storm players treated the local fans to some excellent hockey and a fine display of sportsmanship.

Missing from the team for the tournament was Kenton Winn, who suffered a broken foot before the tournament. Winn is a great asset to the team and was missed, but he was one of our loudest fans on Saturday. We wish him a speedy recovery.

The team would also like to thank Billy Kulas and Mackie Campbell for playing with us when we were short-handed.

The parents and coaching staff of the Bantam AE team would like to thank all our sponsors and donors who helped make our tournament very successful and fun for all.

The Highland Storm Bantam AE goalie looks for the loose puck. He came up big, saving several shots in close during the final minutes of regulation time. The Storm won two games in overtime, but lost in the final during tournament play at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena on Saturday, Nov. 16.

Midget A Storm team adds six to the wins column

by BILL HUTSON
Special to The Times

A visit to Sunderland on Saturday, November 2 by the Ridgewood Ford Midgets was expected to be a repeat of the previous game - a rough and grinding contest with a close finish.

The hometown Wings scored the first tally but soon after Kolt Smith evened things up at 1-1. Late in the first period the Wings made it 2-1 to go into the second period up a goal.

But that was all she wrote for the home town boys as the Storm went to work tying things up and then pulling ahead through the second and into the third. Two penalties late in the third kept things interesting though as the Wings pulled their goaltender for a six on three advantage. Joel Cooper would have nothing of this and stole the puck from a Sunderland player firing it the length of the ice for a strike in the center of the net.

Final score, Storm 5, Wings 2.

November 3 was a Sunday night visit to Fenelon Falls to meet the always-competitive Flyers. The first period was just as expected, with each side tallying one goal. But in the second period the Storm lads notched nine more goals before the game ended. Joel Cooper led the attack with a four goal performance. Jeremy Miscio netted two, with one each going to Joey Sisson, Evan

Kernohan, Kolt Smith and Matt Roberts. Assists went to Kolt Smith, Joel Johnson, Dave Petch, Jesse Johnson, Lance Aggett and Kevin Walker. The play of the game was Joe Sisson throwing the monkey off of his back as he tallied his first goal of the season.

Back-to-back shutouts for Moynes

The Ops Flames were the last team the Storm had not played this season. Rumour had it they were strong and a threat as they had only lost one game. These rumours came to be true as the teams met November 5 in Minden. They were into the second period before Lance Aggett, with a shot from the point, finally beat the Flames netminder to tie things up at one all. The game continued to be a close contest with each team tallying one more goal to end the second period with a 2-2 tie. The third frame had Kolt Smith, with one of his hard slappers, break the tie and, with the solid play of Jeremy Moynes in net, preserve the win.

The Orono Leafs came to town November 9 for a rematch. The first meeting was not good for the Storm players so they were out to show what they could do. This night the Haliburton County boys were all business as they delivered a 7-0 spanking

see COOPER page 2



A Highland Storm Midget A player gets a face full of glove when the Storm faced off against Millbrook at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden last week. Tempers flared at the end of the second period when Kevin Walker was pushed from behind into the Millbrook goalie. A fight ensued and players were ejected.



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Cooper leads Storm over Leafs with hat trick

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to the Leafs. The highlight of the game was Jeremy Miscio's deke on the Leafs goaltender.

Three goals by Joel Cooper led the charge, with singles to Jeremy Miscio, Evan Kernohan, Matt Roberts and Joe Sisson. Two days later Woodville came to the Haliburton Arena to play a game of pond hockey. They left as Orono did - not scoring a goal. Notching the Storm goals were: Cooper with two, Dave Petch, Kevin Walker, Joel Johnson, Matt Roberts and Adam Hutson with one each. Assists went to Joel and Jessie Johnson, Jeremy Miscio and Joel Cooper. Jeremy Moynes "The Wall" was in net, earning back to back shutouts.

The Midget Storm got to go on a road trip November 18 to meet the Mariposa Lightning in Little Britain. This was the second meeting of these two teams and turned out to be a repeat of the previous game - not much of a contest. Even the home fans went to sleep as both teams seemed rather bored on the ice. The final score was Storm 7, Lightning 3. Joel Cooper was sidelined with homework so couldn't add to his November tally. What do those teachers think they're doing getting in the way of hockey!

Kolt Smith had a strong game with a pair of goals. Matt Roberts netted a pair, Dave Petch, Jeremy Miscio and Joe Sisson scored one each.

The last game for this report had the Millbrook Stars coming to Minden to face the Midget Storm on Tuesday, November 19.

Strong defensive play from blueliners Dave Petch, Lance Aggett, Brandon Bowman and Adam Hutson, coupled with excellent goaltending from Jeremy Moynes, kept the Stars to only two goals while the Storm tallied 8.

The loss for the Storm on this night was forward Evan Kernohan who joins the injury list. We wish you a speedy recovery, Evan.



Allison Taylor/TIMES

Katie Parker rink wins Valu-mart Trophy

Bragging rights and the Valu-mart trophy were up for grabs at a bonspiel held last week at the Minden Curling Club. The annual event pegged 16 teams of curlers from Minden and Haliburton against each other. This year a Minden team took home top honours and returned the trophy to the Minden Curling Club, after losing to teams in Haliburton for the past few years. In January, the two clubs will face-off against each other again for what organizer Ruby Wilkes calls a "fun day." Front row from left to right: Jim Burrows, president of the Minden Senior Curling Club, lead Jack Gilmour, second Pauline Plooard, Lynda Easton of Valu-mart, skip Katie Parker and vice Murray Cooper. Wilkes, is holding up the sign in the back row.

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Nordic Notes

by **BLAKE PATON**
Special to The Times

Early November snow and cold mean that there's a great snowy winter on its way. The Haliburton Highland Cross-Country Ski Club is having its annual membership meeting November 23 at the Glebe Park club house. Last year was landmark for the club in many respects. We had access to new trails at Moosewoods, and this experiment proved to be quite successful, so the membership feedback was favourable. This year do yourself a favour: don't dither! Commit early and renew your membership. Yes, the snow will come, don't worry. To ensure that we are skiing as early as possible, the club has spearheaded trail improvements at Glebe and Moosewoods to get skiers on snow as early as possible.

Skiers sometimes forget that a club membership also allows access to the fine trails at the Frost Centre. These trails will see improved grooming this year as a result of a new tracksetter which was purchased last year. Almost any club member will say that being a member of the Haliburton Ski Club is to be part of a community with an esteemed tradition in this area. We are the lucky recipients of an excellent system built over more than a quarter cen-

tury by enthusiastic skiers, and the current generation is dedicated to making sure that a great community ski system is here for decades to come.

Membership has always been a great bargain. Remember that the club will arrange for volunteer work for anyone who wishes to ski but can't afford the price of a membership - because no one should go through life without skiing. This year the club is pleased to announce the resumption of its popular Jackrabbit ski program, where youngsters from 5-12 have been learning to ski for many years. It is noteworthy that Beckie Scott, the celebrated winner of a silver medal at last year's Olympics, got her start on skis in the Jackrabbit program in her hometown of Vermillion, Alberta. Finally, don't be surprised to find many well-dressed skiers about the county this year. The club will be offering a wide variety of clothing for the discriminating skier, all proudly bearing the club's new logo. The selection will solve many Christmas shopping dilemmas, but orders will only be taken at the club's membership meeting on November 30 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Glebe Park club house.

Until then, think snow!

Bantam/Junior Bonspiel Dec. 7

by **SANDY COLE**
Special to The Times

The club is abuzz with activity this time of year. Congratulations to all who participated in the Ladies Shovel into Winter bonspiel this past Saturday. I hear it was a good time, with excellent curling.

Rumor has it that not a soul left Sunday's Breakfast bonspiel with an empty tummy. Many thanks to the club volunteers who host these wonderful one-game spiels and breakfasts. They are a great way for people to try out the sport of curling and have a great morning. You do not need to be a member to try this spiel so if you are interested in trying one of these events, just call the club at 286-3311 for more details.

A note for our younger curlers and their spectators. The Minden club is hosting a Bantam/Junior mixed, open bonspiel on Saturday, December 7. Teams from all over are invited to come and compete. Call Ed Cyr for details at 489-4889. This should be a wonderful event to watch as our youth strut their stuff!

Calling all men's teams, it is time to sign up for the annual J.O. Jackson Memorial Bonspiel to be held on December 28. This is a chance to get out and burn off some of those Christmas goodies. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the mens locker room or call Murray

Cooper for more information at 286-2615.

As always, the public is welcome and encouraged to come and watch the games and meet with friends at the Minden Curling Club. League scores for the week of November 11.

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Melanie Vigrass 8, Zeldia Cooper 4
Linda Eaton 18, Nancy Garbutt 2

Tuesday Night Mens

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Al Aubry 10, Bill Roodenburg 4
Ted Wilkes 13, Rob Eaton 1
Jim Pollard 9, Jim Garbutt 3
Dan Garbutt 12, Don Ballantyne 2

Thursday Night Mixed

Ted Wilkes 9, Gail Grainger 6
Sandy Cole 11, Peter Alexander 9
Jack Brezina 9, Brian Cross 5
Jim Garbutt 10, Melanie Vigrass 6

Friday Night Mixed

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Many issues to be resolved as Official Plan takes shape

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Larry Hodgson raised another issue regarding residents, that of accessibility to the village, parks and waterfront for the disabled.

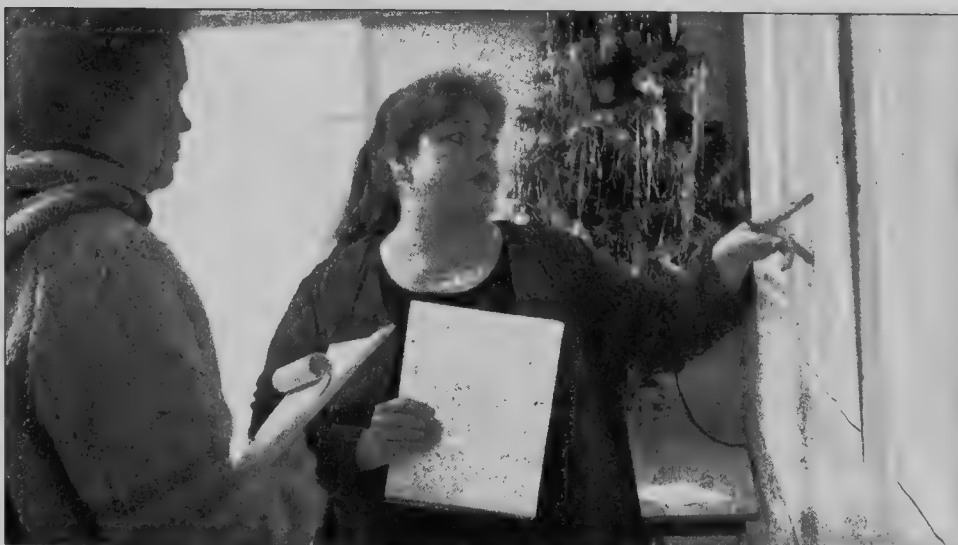
"I want to make sure there is some sensitivity to those who can not walk, or see, or use walkers. People are often surprised to see someone in a wheelchair take off on a snowmobile, pontoon boat or all terrain vehicles. They need access as well to parks," says Hodgson.

He was told new provincial legislation is ensuring those issues are addressed and they will be looked at.

Cathy Olliffe commented to council that on behalf of a committee opposed to an asphalt plant near Carnarvon, they also had concerns about vague language about the placement of portable asphalt plants in Minden Hills.

Rick Hunter, planning consultant, explained the Ministry of Transportation and the Ministry of Natural Resources can over ride a municipal official plan and place a portable asphalt plant wherever they choose. Hunter says more specific wording in the plan would only give people a false sense of security.

Ross Rigney, Minden Hills Reeve, says that although council is not in favour of smoke stack industry, a portable asphalt



Jackie Tschekalin, Minden Hills planning consultant, talks to residents about how the new official plan for the municipality is shaping up at Saturday's public meeting.

plant is only around for a specific period of time to meet a specific need.

The discussion evolved into one about industry and commercial land use. Council was questioned about the division of land use between the core village and highway commercial area. Hunter explained they are going to be sitting down with members of the business sector, Business Improvement Association and Chamber of Commerce to discuss what the needs are and how people want to see them reflected in the official

plan.

Questions were asked about how the official plan could be used to create a drawing card for tourism, business and industry. Rigney explained the municipality pays a large amount of money to the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce to be part of a county wide marketing plan which they feel is more effective than attempting to market just themselves.

Some more specific issues addressed were boathouses and artistic studios or galleries.

Hunter says there will be more coming about boathouses.

Hilary Brown expressed a concern about the wording around home businesses that it may exclude galleries or studios. Jackie Tschekalin, planning consultant, says the official plan allows for galleries that are a home-based business that do not have several employees.

"But a larger gallery or studio with employees would be encouraged to be in the settled areas like the village," says Tschekalin.

Rigney added an example would be Limberlost. He says artists are an important asset to the area and they will ensure the wording is there to support them.

Another home-based business bed and breakfasts was also addressed. A question was asked if the categorization of a bed and breakfast as having no more than three rooms was adequate.

Hunter explained a bed and breakfast should be operating as an accessory to a residential use with no impact on neighbours. He says in their experience once more rooms are added it tends to be a more concentrated use that does affect neighbours and they would classify that type of establishment as a country inn.

Anyone wishing a draft copy of the official plan or further information should contact the Minden Hills office.



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Don McCumber

A golden honour

Area residents receive Queen's Golden Jubilee Medals

by JERRY GROZELLE
Times staff

In honour of the Queen's Golden Jubilee, thousands of Canadians have or will be awarded medals for their significant and/or outstanding contributions to their country, province, territory, region or community. Following are three examples of people who have received the honour in our area.

Gord Monk

Community service has been a big part of Gord Monk's life for many years. Several organizations have benefitted from his volunteer work.

"I was surprised," Monk said. "I felt very humble." He said he thought there were others who were more deserving of the award. "Never in my wildest dreams did I ever think I'd get recognized in this way for the few things that I've done."

Modesty is one of Monk's qualities that many would agree add credibility to the honour he has received.

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Gord Monk



Jack Woodcroft

Medals honour generous spirit of dedicated men

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The list of services he has performed on a voluntary basis is long and varied. He has been involved in minor hockey as a manager and referee; lay reader at the Anglican church; held various offices and served on numerous committees in the Masonic Lodge, Grand Lodge and Shriners. Monk has served as chair of the Minden BIA; honorary chair and director of Haliburton County Home Support Services; past chair of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation and member of the original board of directors of Haliburton Highlands Health Services; member of the board of the Ontario Funeral Services Association, serving as treasurer for six years; member of the board of Funeral Services (a regulatory board), where he served on the disciplinary committee and as chair of the licensing committee; member of the Kinsmen Club and K-40; past president of the Bay of Quinte Funeral Services Association; and a representative of Santa Claus. He has been chosen Rotary Citizen of the Year and his business was awarded Business of the Year honours by the Chamber of Commerce. He was named the top provincial and state chairman of the International Order of the Golden Rule, which is a funeral service organization.

With the amount of volunteer work Gord Monk has done, it is difficult to imagine how he found the time to operate two funeral homes — one in Minden and one in Bobcaygeon. He credits the support of his family, which allowed him to fit his volunteer work into a busy business schedule. "If it hadn't been for Donna (his wife), Kirsten (daughter) and Cameron (son) I wouldn't have been able to accomplish the things I have," he said.

In June of 2001, Gord Monk was diagnosed with malignant melanoma, a deadly form of cancer, which progressed into his lymph nodes.

Since June of 2001, Monk underwent two major surgeries and one minor surgery as well as a series of treatments.

"I'm a very lucky person to be here because they didn't give me a lot of hope."

In spite of the odds, he has recently received some very good news.

"The last check-ups they did, they found no trace of cancer," he said. "So, I'm a survivor. I guess I've developed the attitude that I've been given something very special."

He says the experience has given him a much different outlook on life. "When you wake up in the morning and see green grass or white snow or whatever, it's all beautiful. You

learn not to complain so much and to appreciate the things that you have."

Monk couldn't say enough about the cancer clinic in Kingston, where he was treated. "They are fantastic people there, just wonderful people," he said. "The staff just can't do enough for you." He added that Dr. Emile Campioni, his local doctor, has been very supportive. (Dr. Campioni recently underwent cancer surgery himself and is in the process of recovery.)

"I was amazed at the outpouring of concern," he said. "It's a very humbling experience."

Monk said he thinks having survived cancer has made him a much stronger person.

"It's a hard thing to put into words," he said. "I used to think 'why me,' but then I thought, 'why not me?' It gives you a strong desire to live life more fully and try to do something for someone else every day."

Gord Monk was presented with his Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal at a special ceremony in Peterborough by Laurie Scott.

Jack Woodcroft

Minden's Jack Woodcroft received a Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal on October 16. He was nominated by the Ontario Lung Association in recognition of his contributions to the organization and to his community.

Woodcroft has been a member of the Ontario Lung Association since 1978. He was Treasurer of the International Asthma Council until last year, when it ceased operation because it had met its mandate. The Council was a program that educated doctors and other health care professionals about asthma.

"I was very honoured to receive the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal," Woodcroft said. "It's quite a prestigious award."

Woodcroft currently serves as Chair of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation. He has served with the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Board for some time.

Don McCumber

Norland resident Don McCumber was awarded his medal and certificate at a banquet in Aurora at the Royal Canadian Legion's Ontario Provincial Command Headquarters. Provincial Legion President John Alger made the presentation to McCumber for his outstanding service to the Royal

Canadian Legion as well as the community.

McCumber is currently serving his third two-year term as Legion Zone Commander. He was Deputy Zone Commander for a two-year term and Zone Youth Education Officer.

The 30-year legion member is involved in trying to establish senior housing in the area, for the 13 Legions in the area, partnered with Community Care.

"We're looking at purchasing land and developing senior housing," he said.

McCumber is also involved in other Legion programs, such as Seniors' Fall Prevention Program that's being operated by several Legions in the Zone. "I sit on the Provincial Executive Committee of the Legion for the program," he said.

"Apart from doing my Zone Commander's job, I look after the Youth Education Program and the Bursary and Charitable Foundation Programs for Branch 519, Cobocok," he said. "So, I'm not only working at the Zone and Provincial levels, but I'm also committed to working at the local level as well."

Regarding community service, McCumber served in municipal politics for 17 years. He was as reeve of Emily Township for 10 years and served as warden of Victoria County. "I sit on the board of directors for Community Care."

As a member of the Jaycees of Canada, he initiated a program in 1974 that works with prison inmates. The inmates are taken into the community and worked within the prison walls on projects that will benefit the community. "I've taken inmates into schools, where they talk to the students about their lives in prison and where they went wrong," McCumber said. "It is an interesting program, taking inmates to schools and explaining what happens and what it's like to be incarcerated. I did a lot of volunteer work with inmates."

His work with the Jaycees (formerly Junior Chamber of Commerce) resulted in recognition as "Outstanding Young Canadian" after being nominated by the organization.

McCumber was a Sea Cadet, Air Cadet and Navy Cadet, where he held the rank of Lieutenant. He is a former Cub Scout Master and has worked with various church groups.

"It's really nice to be recognized in this way," McCumber said. He said he is proud to be included with all the other recipients of the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal from across the country.

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Yesterday my "kitchen companion" was giving out over the airways tips for safer winter driving, including keeping the gas tank at least half full. This reminded me to retrieve an e-mail that Bruce had recently received from his high school friend, now a retired engineer. If you think a litre of gas is expensive then Wilsie's figures, albeit non-metric, still put things into better perspective, and may help ease the pain of your next trip to the pumps. To run your car with Lipton Ice Tea would cost \$9.52 per gallon, Evian water \$21.19, Scope mouthwash \$84.48, Pepto Bismol \$123.20, or Vick's Nyquil \$178.13.

Another tip about weighting down your trunk for better traction brought back memories of many a late, dark, snowy Friday night starting up the long icy driveway to the cold farmhouse. Without a word from Dad the children would jump into the back of our then rear wheel drive van. Four of them seemed to work just perfectly.

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Tickets are still available for the Kinmount Seniors bus trip to Casino Rama on November 28. To reserve your spot call/leave a message for Mildred St. Thomas at 488-2728. The \$3 cost is a bargain and with luck you could pay for all your Christmas shopping!

Community Care Somerville "Diners Club" will be serving up a full, hot meal at noon on November 27 at the Burnt River Community Centre. The cost is \$6 and reservations are not required. This is a regular monthly event. For more information give Ada Handley a call at 454-8572.

Now here's the

Scoring News

Thursday, November 14 euchre at the Minden Legion Branch 636: Coffee, cookies, and chuckles were the order of the day. Only after several "overtime cuts" Theresa Deak and Bill Deguire were declared the winners in the most lone hands column. High scores for ladies/men were recorded by Kay Orr and Pearl Cowen with the second high spots going to Maxine Cross and Paul Dawson. Other prize winners were Helen Skelding, Barb Phillips and Maxine Cross.

Friday, November 15 bid euchre at Club 35, Halls Lake: Jean Dutka reports only one moonshot - to Helen Windsor, while Helen Henderson uncovered the hidden score. Jean Randell took top spot for the pinks with 333, followed by Helen Windsor 235 and Gayle McConnell 201. For the white cards it was Chris Clarke first with 278, then Bob McConnell 229 and Garth Windsor 216.

Friday, November 15 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: First in north/south at 65% were Dorothy Thayer and Ross Fletcher, with Reet Murray and Bill Sandford second at 59%. In east/west the winning duo was Joan Galley and Mike Collins 58%, followed by Mayme Douglas and Hal Beach 57%.

Saturday, November 16 bid euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: First place went to June Branning with 272. Jack Chilton was second at 229. Hidden score winners were Margaret and Milton Fletcher, along with Elli Langpohl. In the moonshot department, landings were reported by Gala Stamp, Marcel Roussel, Isobel Cherwenka and Kevin Maloney. Special greetings are sent out to friends who are under the weather. You are much missed.

Monday, November 18 euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: Bill Van Dyke held the most lone hands, while Norm Lee took the high score and our reporter Idella Gault the low. The special prize winner was Elaine Yeo.

Monday, November 18 euchre at Club 35, Halls Lake: It was a lucky evening if your name was Jean, with Jean Randell recording the high score and Jean Dutka winning for most lone hands. Low lady Kay Orr congratulated husband Tom on his first place win for the gents. Low score for the men went to Bob McConnell, while Stan Dutka was awarded the baloney.

Monday, November 18 euchre at the Friendship Club, St. Paul's Anglican Church, Minden: Most lone hands for the gents went to Norm Lee. Katie Parker had most lone hands for the ladies. Verna McDonald and Marion Stickwood took ladies/men high scores, while Fern Donnelly and Tim Sharpe held the lows. Draw winners Bill Mosley and Tim Sharpe wished Laura Carnegie a happy November birthday while everyone enjoyed sharing another delicious cake baked by the birthday lady.

Monday, November 18 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at the Kinmount Legion Branch 441: Top spot went to Kit Schroder, with Marg Viney second. Moonshot winners were Dorothy McElwain, Ida Young, Jean Scadden,

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Stanhope bridge playing teams on top with two slams, high score of 6360

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Mildred St. Thomas and Roger Fournier, while Ida Young and Sherry Morrison took the draw prizes.

Tuesday, November 19 euchre at the Lochlin Community Centre: Another good turnout reported as Chris Hill and Eleanor Young took high scoring honours. Perry Peacock and Barb Carpenter held the evening's low scores, while Hazel Benetin won for most lone hands and Isabelle Saunders received the special draw prize.

Tuesday, November 19 Stanhope Fire Hall Seniors Social Club mixed shuffleboard: The team of Syd Lockhart and Beverley Alexander were first with 329, then Betty Lockhart and Connie Sawyer next at 290 and Lil Allen partnered with Shirley Alderton third at 260. Belle Walker and Pearl Cowan took the low

score with 222 points.

Tuesday, November 19 bid euchre at the Minden Legion Branch 636: Top spot went to Pat Scadden, with Sharon Evans second and Gala Stamp third. Marcel Roussel landed the only moonshot, while Anne Baker, Verna McDonald and Thelma Francis held the hidden scores.

Tuesday, November 19 contract bridge at Stanhope: There were two slams this week, going to the teams of Muriel and Doug McIntosh along with Reet Murray and Bill Sandford. Leading the top scoring quartet was Muriel McIntosh 6360, followed by Ross Fletcher 6350, Bill Sandford 5850 and June Branning 5790. Lucky draw winner Wynne Hansen congratulated Muriel on her special "SOAR" Award and agreed "She's On A Roll."

Wednesday, November 20 duplicate

bridge at Park Lane, Haliburton: In first place was Ev Morgan and Bill Sandford 63%, then Hal Beach and Mike Collins second at 62% and the duo of Rita and Glen Lockhart taking third spot with 58%.

Wednesday, November 20 bid euchre at Stanhope: Stanhope had its own celestial shower this week with moonshots landing on Norm Lee, Sharon Evans, Lottie Ruttan, Gayle McConnell, Ken Wallace, Barb Robitaille, Pearl Foster and Stan Dutka. Leading the pinks was Mary Pearson 321, then Pat Roussel 308 and Barb Robitaille 291. Len Kroes was tops for the white cards at 327, with Stan Hill's 294 second and Chris Clarke third at 277. Lottie Ruttan received a warm welcome back from her many friends.

Wednesday, November 20 Kinmount Seniors euchre at the Kinmount Legion Branch 441: Nora Swinson and Roger Fournier took the high score honours, while Isa Hilyer and Jim Corbett had the lows. Most lone hands were held by Glenda Swanton. Mary Wilkins and Theresa Deak received the draw prizes. Please note there will be no euchre this Wednesday, November 27 as the Seniors Club will be holding its Christmas Party.

OPP Festive Ride targets impaired drivers in bid to keep roads safe

In a continuing effort to make Ontario roadways safer, OPP officers will be targeting impaired drivers once again this holiday season.

From November 28 to January 2, the OPP will team up with other police services from across the province for the annual Festive R.I.D.E. (Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere) campaign in an effort to remove the menace of the impaired driver and curb the death toll on Ontario roads.

Last year, during the five-week OPP Festive R.I.D.E. initiative, 456,149 vehicles were stopped at roadside checkpoints. A total of 890 - 12 hour licence suspensions were issued and 460 persons were charged with criminal code alcohol-related charges; 439 of the 90 day Administrative Drivers Licence Suspensions were also issued.

Police say impaired driving remains the leading criminal cause of death in Canada. Alcohol was a factor in more than 1/3 of all traffic fatalities.



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Country Hot Flashes send lightening bolts through seniors toes at Hyland Crest

How many days left until Christmas? We just figured it out to be 30 (as of Monday). Are you ready for Christmas? It's starting to get busy here at Hyland Crest with trees being decorated and bazaars being planned. It will be upon us before we know.

We had a lovely tea a week ago Thursday provided by the ladies of

Hunter Creek Estates. We look forward to this activity with delightful company and scrumptious treats.

Friday evening the Country Hot Flashes entertained us and this new group certainly keeps us on our toes. Thank you.

Saturday our bingo buffs gathered and, with Pearl and Maxine helping out, enjoyed their favourite activity. Mary Goldsmith was on the ball calling "bingo" for the jackpot, but all of us really enjoy ourselves.

On Sunday residents from the lower level enjoyed a hymn sing and, as Pastor Dan Millard was unable to do the Chapel Service, we once again gathered for a hymn sing and listened to Parables of a Good Samaritan. We talked about how good it makes us feel to help someone and how we should incorporate this into our everyday life.

Monday the Salvation Army came into

visit us, we truly enjoy these visits. Thank you for giving of your time.

Joy Bain was in, sharing her loving self and talent. This lady is the epitome of love.

Rev. Tim Sharpe led our service Tuesday with Communion. Our spiritual needs are very important to us and we thank all our clergy for all their Christian love.

Dottie has our crafters busy with Christmas crafts and we really appreciate all her time and effort as well as great ideas. Brenda is always there as well to lend a hand.

The Pickards were unable to make it for our Pub Night so we made the best of it and had an evening of singing Christmas carols and hymns. Thank you Dana for a great evening and for Don and Marg for faithfully being there and helping out.

We are truly saddened at the loss of Peggy Packer. A resident of Hyland Crest for some years now, she has touched us all in one way or another. Our sincerest sympathy to her family and friends.

Today (Thursday, Nov. 21) we are looking forward to the Sage Age Players. "Who are they", you ask? Well we'll let you know next week. Until then stay well, love your neighbour and God Bless.

SENIOR LEAGUE

News from Hyland Crest

Caroling and Christmas spirit moves into Dorset

"Every tomorrow has two handles. You can take hold of the handle of anxiety or the handle of enthusiasm. Upon your choice so will be the day." Anonymous

Don't miss the Dorset Community Christmas Bazaar and Craft Show at the Dorset Recreation



DORSET NEWS

Melissa Alfano

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Centre on Saturday, November 30 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Community groups and local artisans and crafters will be displaying their wares, from baking to jewelry. For more information call the Recreation Centre at 705-766-9968.

The Annual Community Christmas Tree Lighting will take place on Sunday, December 1, beginning at 4 p.m. beside the fire hall. Join the Dorset Volunteer Fire Department for an evening of Christmas spirit, caroling, the tree lighting and free refreshments.

The Annual Toy and Food Drive co-sponsored by the Dorset Fire Department and The Dorset Lions Club for the Salvation Army takes place on Wednesday, December 4 beginning at 6:30 p.m. Routes: Highway 117 to Long Line Lake Road, Paint Lake to Girls Camp Road, Bellwood Acres Road, South Kawagama Lake Road (including McComb, Bemamba and Wolf Circle), Kawagama Lake Road to Old Mill Marina, Hamlet of Dorset including McLennan Drive and Harvey Avenue, County Road 12 to Camp Bay Road and Highway 35 south to Wren Lake Road East. Please leave a porch light on or signal by flashing a light. If you are unsure if the fire department will be coming to your house, please call Clint MacKay at 766-2249 or Dan Parniak at 766-0981. The vehicles will be identified by flashing red lights on the fire trucks or flashing green lights on other trucks. Contributions may

also be left at Algonquin Highlands Township (Dorset) Office, Dorset TimBr Mart, Robinson's General Store or Tower Hill Marine. Thank you for your support!

On Saturday, December 14 beginning at 7:30 p.m., St. Mary Magdalene's Anglican Church is

hosting a Community Christmas Evening at the Dorset Recreation Centre. Music will be provided by the Muskoka Men of Song and refreshments will also be available. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$3 for children. Tickets can be purchased from Patricia Thompson, 766-0267 or at the Dorset Recreation Centre. The Dorset Recreation Centre is looking for someone to teach a Tai Chi and/or Yoga class in Dorset. If interested, please call 705-766-9968, thank you.

The Dorset Community Access Program (located in the Recreation Centre) is hiring one youth worker to facilitate access to the Internet. The position begins immediately and will last until March 21, 2003. The successful applicant must be between the ages of 15 and 30, have computer and Internet skills and be able to work flexible hours including evenings and Saturdays. The wage is \$8 per hour. To apply, please forward your resume to The Dorset Recreation Centre, Box 99, Dorset, ON, P0A 1E0 or e-mail to drc@vianet.on.ca

Birthday wishes this week go out to Alina Moon, Mike Baum and Matthew Woods. Have a wonderful day! Get well wishes go out to Ralph Hair - get well soon Ralph!

H.H. Mix equal parts water and white vinegar and store in a spray bottle. Use this solution to wipe countertops, appliances, and other kitchen surfaces for a room that glows with cleanliness.

[OPP Brief]

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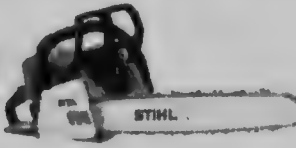
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• **The Haliburton Highlands Prostate Cancer Support Group** meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m., in the Fireside lounge at the Hyland Crest Senior Citizen's Home in Minden. All men and the women who love them are welcome. For info., please call Rick Ratcliff at 286-6699 or email: leacliff@sympatico.ca.

• **ONTARIO BREAST SCREENING PROGRAM** for women 50 years and over, screening on Thursdays and Fridays at Ross Memorial Hospital. No doctor referral necessary. Call Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. for an appointment. 705-328-6175

• **Urgent Need of Respite Volunteers?** Haliburton County Home Support Services is in urgent need of Respite Volunteers for the Minden area. We are looking for volunteers who would be able to give a couple of hours a week to sit, read or chat over a cup of tea with a client, while their caregiver gets a much needed break. Do you want to make a difference in someone's life? We are looking for you! Call 457-2941 for more information.

• **Guided Meditation** Sunday evenings from 7 - 9 p.m. at the Trinity Centre located at The Hair Lounge in Carnarvon.

• **November 27:** Bake Sale in Highland Crest Auditorium 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Evening of Tree Lighting Festivities. Santa and afgan raffle draw. Minden Health Care Auxiliary thanks you for your support.

• **November 27:** Writing for Fun & Profit- Writer's Workshop with Marjorie Green. 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the Common Room at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery. This is a general information workshop meant for beginners and professional writers. Please call 286-3763 to sign up.

• **November 29:** The Kawartha Treble Troupe in Concert at the Galway Hall at 7:30 p.m. An evening to celebrate the holiday season. Desserts and coffee, Christmas Loonie Auction, Draws and Door Prize. For more information or to reserve tickets contact Diane Austin 488-2635 or Joyce Brown 488-2687.

• **November 29:** Christmas Corner Bazaar. 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. starting with Christmas songs and hot cider and ginger cookies! Norland United Church. Free parking at the back of the church.

• **November 27:** Wheels to Meals at Kei's in Haliburton at 12 noon. Come out and have a great meal! Reservations are required - contact Ida at 457-2941.

• **November 27:** Join Home Support at 1 p.m. for Bid Euchre. The Instructor is Donna Medland. Please contact Ida for more information at 457-2941.

• **November 28:** Haliburton highlands Trails & Tours Network Annual General Meeting - 7 p.m. at the Haliburton Museum in Glebe Park. Join us for the launch of an exciting new trail initiative for Haliburton County. Contact Karen at 286-1760 or info@trailsandtours.on.ca

• **November 30:** Minden Pathfinders will be collecting non-parishable food items for the Food Bank during the Santa Claus Parade.

• **November 30:** Christmas Corner Bazaar. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. with something for everyone - Bake table and goodies. Norland United Church. Free parking at the back of the church.

• **November 30:** Christmas Bazaar at the Dorset Recreation Centre 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Community groups, artisans and crafters display their wares. A great opportunity to do some Christmas shopping. Call 705-766-9968 for more information.

• **November 30:** Dorset Christmas bazaar & Craft Show 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Dorset Recreation Centre. Phone 705-766-9968 for more information.

• **November 30:** and December 7: Wen-Do Women's Self Defence, offered by Family Services of Haliburton County. Two Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. open to all women over 10 years of age, regardless of ability. Learn skills to defend yourself in a variety of situations. More information? Call Claire Sylvan, 457-5345, ext 322. Maximum 20 participants, so call soon to register.

• **December 1:** Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony at 4:30 p.m. at the Dorset Recreation Centre. Phone 705-766-9968 for more information.

• **December 2:** Folk Art Class at 10 a.m., Jr. Badminton at 5:30 p.m. and Adult Badminton at 6:30 p.m. at the Dorset Recreation Centre. Phone 705-766-9968 for more information.

• **December 3:** Home Support is holding their Annual Christmas Luncheon at the Haliburton Legion at 12 noon. Please call Sheri or Roxanne at Home Support for more information (457-2941) Everyone welcome to this delicious turkey dinner...maybe you might even see Santa!!!

• **December 3:** Jr. Floor Hockey at 5:30 p.m. and Adult Floor Hockey at 6:30 p.m. at the Dorset Recreation Centre. Phone 705-766-9968 for more information.

• **December 2-12:** Christmas Craft Sale at C.H.A.C.E. Resource Centre in Minden during regular hours. Lots of small items for \$2 or less for children to purchase as gifts, and we will wrap for free. Donations appreciated. Call 286-1770 for more information.

Events listings are provided **FREE** for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavor to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Times at 286-4768, emailed to editor@mindentimes.on.ca., or brought in to the office. **NOTE:** This calendar is **NOT A COMPREHENSIVE LISTING OF ALL EVENTS** taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in The Times for more information on events and in the Highlands.

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Last year, some 1,060,000 letters were received at Santa's H0H 0H0 postal code from children around the world, in more than 26 languages including Braille. Another 18,500 were e-mailed to Santa through Canada Post's Web site. Each child received a letter back from Santa, thanks to his dedicated helpers at Canada Post.

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Hike Haliburton Trail Blazer

The Haliburton Highlands Trails and Tours Network is seeking a "trail blazer", an individual or business to provide Project Management services for Hike Haliburton. This is a 2 year contract. The successful contractor will be responsible for developing and promoting the Haliburton Highlands as a popular destination for hiking by:

- Producing a hiking trail development plan
- Overseeing the development or upgrade of hiking trails in Haliburton County to established standards
- Creating a communication & marketing plan to increase the awareness of and participation in hiking opportunities for potential visitors and seasonal and year round residents
- Coordinating the first annual hiking festival, a signature event for Haliburton County, in partnership with the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce
- Implementing strategies to sustain Hike Haliburton over the longer term

Qualifications:

- Project management experience, including budget management
- Experience in trail development and management
- Excellent oral and written communication skills
- Ability to work with contractors, elected officials and stakeholders within the community
- Demonstrated organizational and time-management skills
- Computer skills; MS Word, Excel and Access
- Knowledge of existing and potential hiking trails in Haliburton County an asset

The successful candidate will also provide some guidance and support to other initiatives of the Trails and Tours Network and will be required to attend meetings of the Board of Directors.

Interested parties should forward a cover letter and resume to the Trails and Tours office before 5:00pm on December 20, 2002. For further details regarding this position contact the Trails and Tours office at (705) 286-1760 or info@trailsandtours.on.ca. This project is funded through the Ontario's Living Legacy Program of the Provincial Government.



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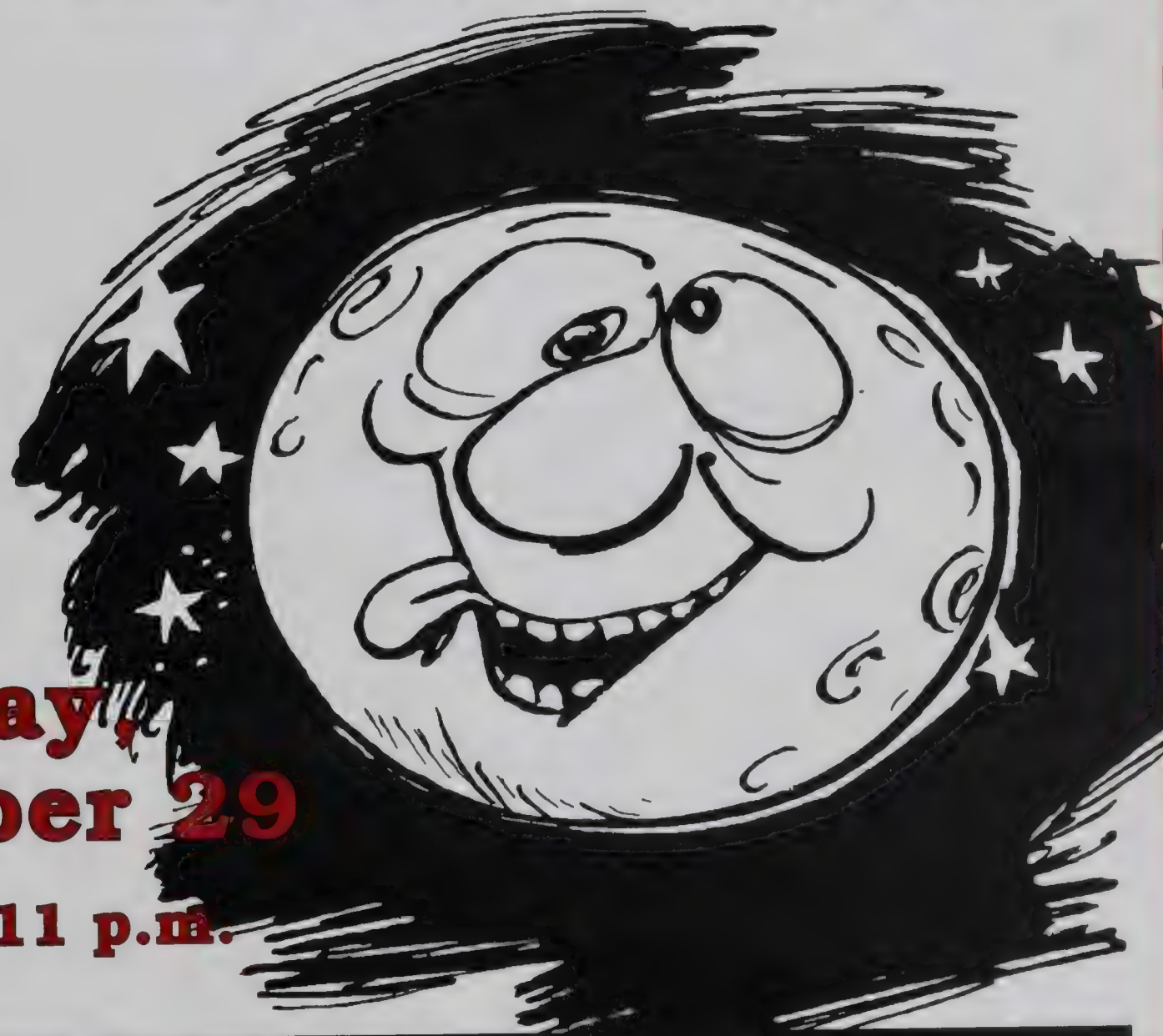
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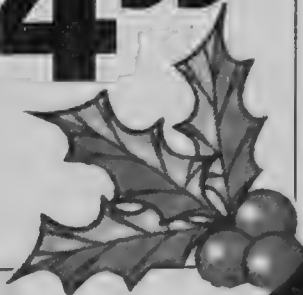
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November 29th & 30th • 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Many other in-store specials!

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MAIN STREET MINDEN

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TOY CLEARANCE
(Flyer prices still in effect)

START OF NEW
FLIER TONIGHT
"GREAT GIFT
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ALL ROLLED WRAPPING
PAPER ON SALE

Factory Mill Ends, 16oz

~~6⁹⁹~~ **\$4⁹⁷**

Coca Cola Throws

~~25⁹⁹~~ **\$12⁹⁷**

Porcelain Dolls, 18" Collectors Series

~~34⁹⁹~~ **\$17⁴⁷**

Bag Of 50 Scented Tea Lights

~~12⁹⁹~~ **\$9⁹⁷**

12 Pack Of Royal Bingo Dabbers, 110ml

~~11⁹⁹~~ **\$7⁹⁷**

Venture Portable CD AM/FM Cassette Stereo

~~79⁹⁹~~ **\$49⁹⁷**

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All Night Specials
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**20%
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all Clothing

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Folgers Coffee, 1 kg. **\$4⁹⁷**

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TDK 10 Pack Recording Discs ~~17⁹⁹~~ **\$9⁹⁷**

All Chocolate Bars **2 for \$1⁰⁰**

Kodiak Wilderness Socks ~~4⁹⁹~~ **\$1⁹⁷**

CHOCOLATES

Nestles Black Magic, 400gr. **\$6⁹⁷**

Delecto, Assorted, 350-400gr. ~~6⁹⁹~~ **\$4⁸⁸**

Pot Of Gold, Assorted, 230-450gr. ~~7⁹⁹~~ **\$6⁴⁷**

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Friday, November 29 - 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.

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Kris Kringle
Real Quality Christmas
Trees & Deluxe Live
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9 p.m. to 11 p.m.

NUTS 300gr.

Peanuts reg. 2⁹⁹ \$99¢
Mixed reg. 3⁹⁹ \$1⁹⁹
Cashews reg. 5⁹⁹ \$3⁴⁹

9 p.m. to 11 p.m.

**Black Oil
Sunflower Seeds**

Reg. 17⁹⁹
Sale \$13⁹⁹ 50lb.

7 p.m. to 11 p.m.

**-40° Windshield
Washer** 4L

Reg. 2⁹⁹ **Sale \$1³⁹**

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Reg. 3⁹⁹
Sale 1/2 Price \$1⁹⁸
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25% OFF

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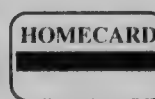
Reg. 1,399.00 **SALE \$499⁹⁹**
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Moonlight Madness

November 29

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9-10 p.m. • 15% OFF

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EXCLUDING:

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(Excluding Christmas Items)



Minden

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I.D.A.

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DRUG STORE

Santa

is on his way



He will be in Town

Saturday,

November 30, 2002

at 1 pm

Meet with Santa
at Minden Firehall
for Photos & Treats
approx. 2 pm

14th

Minden Community

Santa Claus Parade

PARADE ROUTE

Starting at A.S.E.S. Bus driveway, along the
Main Street to McKnight Drive

Participants please register
by Noon on Site

Russ Duhaime will be on hand to take photos.
All photos will be available from Photo Solutions
by December 2nd at Noon
Parade Co-ordinated by
The Minden Lions Club



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Moonlight Madness Specials All Day 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Kawartha Dairy
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99¢
1 L.

Club Pack
Chicken Leg Quarters

88¢
lb. (1.94kg)

No Name, 1kg Smooth
Peanut Butter

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ea.

Colgate Jergens
Toothpaste or Hand Soap

2 For 99¢
75 ml (3 bars)

Bananas

39¢
lb. /86 kg

General Merchandise
Inventory Blowout!

(See this week's flyer)
* Computer Desk **\$29.99**
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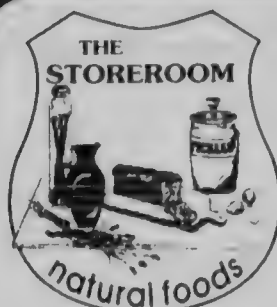


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See our New "P.C. Insider's Report"

Luxury Biscuit
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to
10pm**

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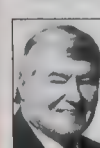
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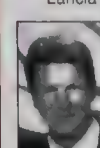
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Erwin Rothmeier*



Gail Tempest* & Tom Tempest**



Ted Vasey*



Melanie Vigrass*

* Sales Representative
 ** Associate Broker
 *** Broker/Owner

HOMES and COTTAGES



TIS THE SEASON

Great hunting camp retreat on crown land. Lease overlooking a large marsh. 800 sq.ft. bldg includes woodstove, bunk beds & more. Asking \$40,000 Call Ken Barry



STOUFFER MILL ROAD

Privately located 2 bdrm home/cottage close to Halls Lake access. Master bedroom has w/o to large deck with hot tub. Possible V.T.B. \$69,900 Call Ken Barry



BOYNE LAKE

Back to basics cottage on 2.59 acres. Mature trees, private, south exp., 200' lakefront, 2 bdrms, no electricity but equipped w/ propane fridge, stove & woodstove. Asking \$77,000 Call Linda or Troy



MISKWABI LAKE

3 Bdrm ranch plank cottage, pine floors, pine kit., livingroom, F.P., fabulous view, steep lot with path to lake, very private. Asking \$89,900 Call Ted Vasey



200 FT DEEP WATER FRONTAGE

Small private lake, minutes north of West Guilford. Well maintained 2 bdrm. Easily winterized, fully insulated. Sand shoreline. \$95,000 Call Ros Bagg



EAGLE LAKE

Newly renovated in town home close to store, church, and lake. Ideal retirement or first time home buyer. Don't miss this opportunity. \$97,600 Call Linda Beachli or Peter Brady



MINDEN HOME

4 Bedroom home being renovated, master bedroom has ensuite, full bsmt, 2 car insulated & heated garage. Nice view of Minden Lake. \$99,900. Call Erwin Rothmeier



MINDEN CHARMER

3 Bedroom home with a full finished basement and attached garage on a level landscaped lot just minutes from town. Call now. \$109,900 Call Rick Lowes



MAPLE LAKE AREA

Neat & clean 2 bedroom home on a level landscaped lot. Extras include an attached garage & full basement. Call now. \$109,900 Call Rick Lowes



IMMACULATE CEDAR SIDED BUNGALOW

Lge. att. dole. gar. 5 well wooded acres. Backing onto Blairhampton Golf Course. Has 1 lge. bdrm. can convert to 2 bdrms. New carpeting, freshly dec., oak cupboards. Private \$112,000. Tom & Gail Tempest



SIR SAM'S RD. Eagle Lake

3 bdrm. + sq. timber home overlooking Eagle Lk. Rustic charm. 2 min. to ski hills or public beach. Affordable home or retreat in preferred area. \$129,000. Call Ros Bagg



HALIBURTON LAKE

South facing sand beach lot with bungalow cottage, separate garage with studio apartment above all for \$159,000. Call Linda Beachli or Peter Brady



BIRCH BARK LAKE

Private 3 bdrm cottage on excellent spring fed fishing lake, deep rocky shoreline, south exp., guest cabin, barn & garage. Abutting 26 acres also for sale.. \$176,000 Call Linda or Troy



COUNTRY SETTING!

Private & nicely treed, 6.8 acre property, only mins. from Minden. Spacious 3 bdrm., brick bungalow w/full w/o basement. Bright open concept design. FP, new 2 car det. garage, main floor laundry rm., sep. DR and much, much more! Asking \$178,500 Call Bill Kulas for details.



PINE LAKE

Attractive waterfront home with cathedral ceiling, skylights, stone fireplace, pine accents. 7 acres, easy access close to village. Perfect year round cottage. \$219,000. Call Julie Gray



KUSHOG LAKE

Modern custom built waterfront home/cottage, level lot. 3 large bedrooms with master ensuite, full bsmt, heat pump. Det. 2 car gar., FP & lg deck. Was \$349,000. Now \$299,000 Call Bill Kulas today!



MISKWABI LAKE

Year round home on Miskwabi Lake, 4 bdrms, 3 bathrooms with full finished basement and attached garage. 2,400 square feet of living space. \$319,900. Call Linda Beachli or Peter Brady



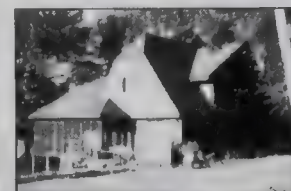
KENNISIS LAKE GEM!

1,800 sq.ft. of living space w/ 4 bdrms, 2 baths, vaulted ceiling in LR w/ FP, breathtaking view, sand beach & loads more! Turn key!! \$349,900 Call Vince Duchene



CANNING LAKE

SHAW ROAD, 450 Feet of smooth rock & sand shoreline. 3- 720 sq.ft. cottages, 2 boat houses, great family escape, very private. Asking \$369,900 Call Ted Vasey



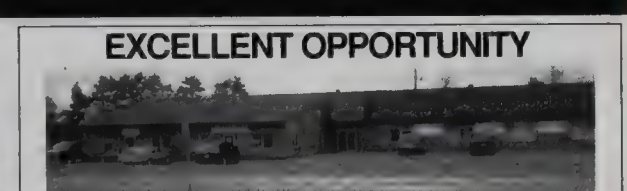
KASHAGAWIGAMOG CHAIN!!

This English Colonial style 2 storey home will knock your socks off. 2,812 sq. ft. of living space and an 1,800 sq. ft. studio/workshop! \$375,000 Call Vince Duchene



MINDEN SUBWAY

Consistently one of Ontario's top stores. Excellent Hwy #35 location. Clean & modern facility. Call Now for Details! Call Rick Lowes



EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY

Commercially zoned, 9,900 sq.ft. bldg in prime location at Hwy #35 & Main St. Great visibility, town water and sewers. Paved parking. V.T.B. available O.A.C. \$500,000. Call Melanie Vigrass for details



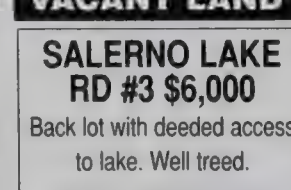
BED & BREAKFAST

Haliburton cust. built home w/ cathedral ceilings, brick FP, Form DR. Eat-in kit., mst., w/ ensuite, W/O to deck, screened sunroom, sauna, full fin. bsmt, dbl att. gar., and more. \$395,000 Call Julie Gray



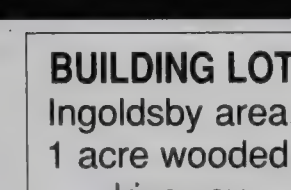
BIRCH BARK LAKE

Beautiful waterfront, only 8 cottages on the lake, hydro & phone on the property. Very private & secluded. A rare find! \$99,000. Call Erwin Rothmeier



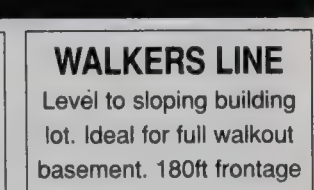
SALERNO LAKE RD #3

Back lot with deeded access to lake. Well treed. \$6,000



BULLER ROAD

\$6,500
3 Acre, well treed building lot
Call Tom & Gail Tempest



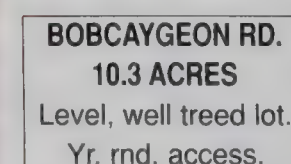
BUILDING LOT

Ingoldsby area. 1 acre wooded, driveway \$7,900
Call Norm Harrison Assoc. Broker



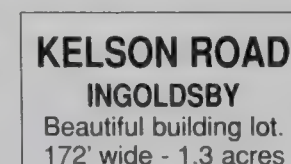
WALKERS LINE

Level to sloping building lot. Ideal for full walkout basement. 180ft frontage on year round township maintained road. \$11,500
Call Fred Gardner



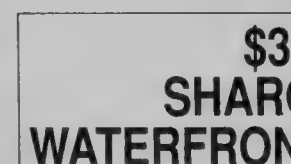
BOBCAYGEON RD.

10.3 ACRES
Level, well treed lot. Yr. rnd. access, telephone at lot line, good building sites \$14,900
Call Fred Chapple



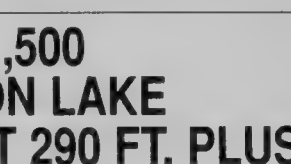
KELSON ROAD

INGOLDSBY
Beautiful building lot. 172' wide - 1.3 acres
Quiet cul de sac & well treed \$24,500
Call Fred Chapple



SHARON LAKE

WATERFRONT 290 FT. PLUS
3 Acres, wooded, driveway. Specially priced to sell. \$31,500
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WREN LAKE

Over 500ft of pristine shoreline on a beautiful clear lake that has great fishing, swimming and boating. Listed at \$89,900
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Two things we're doing to lower your hydro bill.

1

We're bringing it down now:

There are things you can do without, but hydro isn't one of them. So we are introducing new legislation to get rates down.

Lower fixed rates and refunds

- Effective December 1, 2002, the price of power would be lowered to 4.3 cents per kilowatt hour - the rate that existed prior to May 1.
- This rate would be frozen until at least 2006.
- The 4.3 cent price would be retroactive to May 1, 2002, with the difference between what you paid since May 1 and what you would have paid at a frozen price of 4.3 cents/kWh refunded to you.
- Even consumers who signed fixed contracts for higher prices would pay just 4.3 cents.
- Consumers would benefit from the price of delivery being capped at current levels.

2

We're going to keep it down:

Short-term relief is not enough. So our action plan also has longer-term provisions designed to keep bills down in the future.

Stimulate new electricity supply

Ontario's electricity supply has played a key role in our enduring economic success. And to ensure it continues to do so, here are some of the longer-term measures that would stimulate new supply as well as help the environment:

- Ensure an increased supply of electricity from Niagara Falls by proceeding with the expansion of the Sir Adam Beck Generating Station.
- Comprehensive tax incentives given to help create more electricity from cleaner, alternative and renewable energy sources.

You should be able to count on stable and reasonable hydro bills. Our action plan ensures it for the present and the future. From now on, the only reason your hydro bill would increase is if you use more power. And that's precisely how it should be. For more information or to receive the full details of our action plan, visit us online at www.energy.gov.on.ca or call 1-888-668-4636.



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REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

The County of Haliburton Marketing and Economic Diversification Committee and the Chamber of Commerce are seeking a request for information (RFI) to develop the feasibility of creating a Welcome/Education Centre, to be built within Haliburton County. Criteria include concept, partnerships, location, research and costs. This committee will require a report and recommendations.

For more information, please contact Laura Cunliffe,
County of Haliburton,
Box 399, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0, by telephone (705) 286-1333 or
email: lcunliffe@county.haliburton.on.ca.
Deadline: December 9, 2002



**Join us in recognizing our
community partners who contribute
so much to Health for Life:**

Aileen Bruce, Volunteer - Organizing and
running aquafit classes for adults

Logie Macdonnell, Volunteer - Organizing and
running Tai Chi classes for adults



Barrie Martin, President Haliburton Highlands Trails and Tours Network -
Development and promotion of area trails

Cindee St. Pierre, Volunteer PoWeR Link - Promoting positive self-image in
young women

Rawn Lougheed, Volunteer PoWeR Link - Promoting positive self-image in
young women

Sheila Shaw, Archie Stouffer School Council - Promoting physical activity
for school children

Thom Lambert, Volunteer - Facilitating the development of the Head Lake
Disc Golf Course

Greg Shantz, Family Services of Haliburton County - Facilitating the
development of the Head Lake Disc Golf Course

Steve Johnson, Student Volunteer - Facilitating the development of the
Head Lake Disc Golf Course and assisting with the Cycling Skills Workshop

Paula Pepping, YWCA - Co-ordinating the Good Food Box program

Patti Lou Robinson - Organizing the Healthy Lunches program

June Stewart, Health for Life Steering Committee - Promoting adult
swimming

Wendy Bateman, Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario - Health for
Life Steering Committee

Mary Hamilton - Health for Life Steering Committee

Dott and George Heath, Diabetes Support Group - Health for Life
Steering Committee

Sean Pennylegion, Haliburton Highlands Trails and Tours Network -
Cycling Skills Workshop - Project Launch

Kimberly Hicks, Registered Dietitian - Nutrition Working Group

Janice Lewis, Registered Dietitian - Nutrition Working Group

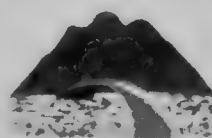
Roy Hoare, Health for Life Steering Committee - Lungs for Life Program

Ron and Sheila Stackhouse, Millennium Lifestyles - Workplace/adult
physical activity promotion

Karen Phipps, School Nutrition Program - development of the snack
booklet



Health for Life
Taking Action for Healthy Living



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MINDEN HILLS

IN SEASON. EVERY SEASON

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 300(1)(a) of the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills and the Corporation of the Municipality of Dysart et al propose to consider, and if deemed advisable, to pass at their regular meetings to be held in their respective Municipal Council Chambers, on December 9, 2002 at the Municipality of Dysart et al at the hour of 9:00 a.m., and on December 12, 2002 at the Township of Minden Hills, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., by-laws to stop up, close and convey those parcels of land more particularly described as follows:-

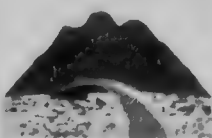
1. File No. RA-00-15
Applicant - **JEAN TYLER, SHARON TYLER AND CATHERINE TYLER**
Part of the original allowance for road between the Townships of Minden and Dysart in front of Lot 32, Concession 6, geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 1 on a Plan of Survey 19R-7424, registered October 10, 2002.
2. File No. SRA-01-43
Applicant - **JEAN TYLER, SHARON TYLER AND CATHERINE TYLER**
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Kashagawigamog Lake, lying in front of Lot 32, Concession 6, geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 1 on a Plan of Survey 19R-7425, registered October 10, 2002.

The above noted plans of survey are available for inspection in the former Lutterworth Municipal Office, Hwy. #35 South of Minden, Ontario during regular office hours.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that before passing the said by-laws at the meeting to be held at the times and places above-mentioned, the respective Councils shall then and there, hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his or her land will be prejudicially affected by the said by-laws and who applies to be heard.

DATED AT THE Township of Minden Hills, this 8th day of November, 2002.

Brendan Bérubé
Planning Administrator



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Effective: January 1, 2003

CLASSES OF PERMITS AND FEES

will be increasing to

CLASS	FEES
1. To construct a dwelling OR Addition to a dwelling	\$ 0.35/sq. ft.
2. To construct plumbing for a dwelling	\$ 50.00
3. To construct an accessory building OR Addition to an accessory building	\$ 0.25/sq. ft.
4. To repair or alter plumbing for a dwelling	\$ 50.00
5. To wreck or demolish a building	\$ 75.00
6. To construct a deck	\$ 50.00
7. To construct a commercial or industrial building	\$ 0.45/sq. ft.
8. To construct plumbing for a commercial or industrial building	\$ 50.00
9. To construct a tent over 60 sq. m	\$ 50.00.
10. To transfer an existing permit	\$ 50.00
11. To change use of a building	\$ 0.35/sq. ft.
12. To construct a foundation	\$ 0.20/sq. ft.
13. To install a swimming pool	\$ 50.00
14. Solid Fuel Burning appliance	\$ 50.00
15. Agricultural Building	\$ 0.10/sq. ft.
16. Minimum fee for any building Permit	\$ 50.00

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050 VEHICLES

GEORGE'S auto

1999 CHEV MALIBU V6, loaded, CD, 73,000km, immaculate Serviced & certified \$12,700 \$12,300	1996 CAVALIER 2 dr. std. ps. pb. 156,000km serviced & certified \$5,995	1997 CHEV LUMINA 4 door, V6, loaded, 139,000km serviced & certified \$7,395
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290 COMING EVENTS



TRAILS & TOURS NETWORK ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, November 28th
 6:30 p.m. Registration
 7:00 p.m. Meeting
 Haliburton Highlands Museum
 Glebe Park, Haliburton Village

Join us for the launch of an exciting new trail initiative for Haliburton County!

Meet our new leadership team & board members.

Mingle with fellow trail & outdoor enthusiasts.

For more information, contact:
 Haliburton Highlands Trails & Tours Network
 705-286-1760
 1-800-461-7677
 info@trailsandtours.on.ca

Or, visit us on the web at
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290 COMING EVENTS

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Delicious Ham and Scaloped Potatoes
December 10th at 12 Noon
 in Minden

The Wagon Wheel Restaurant

Sing-along sheets
 Door prizes, candles, Santa
 Tickets are available at
Haliburton County Home Support Services,
located in the Halco Plaza
 Cost \$12.00

Call Sheri at 457-2941
 for more information,
 or to reserve your tickets
 Come and enjoy
 the spirit of Christmas
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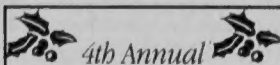
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4th Annual Christmas Craft SALE

Minden Arena

Dec. 7 & 8

Saturday 9 - 5

Sunday 9 - 3

No Admission

Donations to

Food Drive appreciated

Call Donna 754-9957

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290 COMING EVENTS

GOODERHAM'S 2ND ANNUAL CRAFTY CHRISTMAS SALE

Saturday, November 23
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
 at the Community Centre
 Lunch available
 Lots of crafts, baking
 and super raffle!
 Sponsored by the
 Gooderham Community
 Action Group
Marg Graham, 447-2921
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HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS CHRISTMAS

BED & BREAKFASTS & ARTISANS TOUR
 Join us for the 3rd Annual
 Christmas Bed & Breakfast
 and Artisans Tour
November 30 & December 1
from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 Most of the B & B's are new
 to the tour this year

Our homes will be decorated for
 the Christmas Season and
 there will be a variety of high
 quality gift items for sale, both
 at the Artisans Studios
 and the B & B's

There will be goodies to eat
 and Christmas Music to make
 this a wonderful day
 To participate, a \$10.00
 passport can be purchased at
 the Cranberry Cottage Country
 Store in Haliburton, or the
 Chamber of Commerce or
 The Storeroom Natural Foods
 store in Minden

All proceeds from the sale of
 the passports are donated to
 the Food Banks in our area
For more information, call
Jessie at 489-3024 or
Helen at 457-3319

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TURKEY BINGO

Sunday, Dec. 8

\$\$\$ & Turkeys

Doors open at 6 pm

Games start at 7 pm

Minden Community

Centre (upstairs)

Unperishable food accepted

for Minden Food Bank

Minden Rotary Club

290 COMING EVENTS

Highlands Wind Symphony

4TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

with guest vocalist
JOHN MILLER
Monday, December 2
7:30 p.m.
 Northern Lights Performing
 Arts Pavilion, Haliburton
 Adults \$10
 Students \$5
 Family Rate \$20
 Tickets -
 Master's Book Store,
 Haliburton
 IDA Drug Store, Minden
 or at the door

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PRITCHARD HOUSE, MINDEN

Home of the
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will be open every
Thursday, Friday & Saturday,
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from now to December 21
 Join us for our
CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE
 on November 30
 Many fine hand-crafted
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RAZZAMATAZ KIDS SHOWS

"The Nightingale"
Sunday, December 1, 2002
at 2:00 p.m.

at the Northern Lights
 Performing Arts Pavilion
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 Tickets and Season Passes
 available at the door
 \$8 adults, \$5 children
 \$18 Season Pass
 for all 4 shows
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STANHOPE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday, December 7, 2002
from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
 At the Firefighter's Hall
 Registration begins at
11:30 a.m.
 Sponsored by the
 Stanhope Firefighter's
 Association
 Donations to the Food Bank
 will be accepted

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Fri. Nov. 29 hrs. 11-4
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 and not have to spend a penny

The Fenelon Falls Santa Day

starting at noon,
November 30, 2002,
until 4:00 p.m.

The day culminates with a
 dazzling nighttime parade at
 5:00 p.m., featuring 8 bands,
 125 nursery rhyme and TV
 characters plus over
 50 illuminated floats
 Park free at the Fairgrounds
 and ride the shuttle from 12
 noon until 9 p.m. FREE.
 "We hope you will support our
 exciting, non-profit Santa Day
 Event in Fenelon Falls,
 on November 30th!
 Be sure to purchase our official
 program for \$2.00
 with over 60 coupons from
 Santa Supporters!!!
 Ever want to dress up
 in a Parade?
It's great fun
- call (705) 887-3409

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WRITING FOR FUN & PROFIT

Writer's Workshop with
 Marjorie Green
November 27, 2002
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
 in the Common Room at the
 Agnes Jamieson Gallery
 This is a general information
 workshop meant for beginners
 and professional writers
 \$20/person
 Please call 286-3763 to sign up
 Pay at the door

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300 ANNOUNCEMENTS

DEAR SANTA: This year for
 Christmas I would like a GIFT
 CERTIFICATE from THE WILD
 ORCHID BISTRO THAI FOOD
 at Gambell's Antiques, Main St.,
 Minden, across the bridge,
 286-1532. Visa, M/C, Amex or
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350 WEDDINGS/ANNIVERSARIES

DON & EDITH BURCH

invite you to an
OPEN HOUSE
 in honour of their
60th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
on Saturday, December 7/02
 at Zion United Church
 Carnarvon, Ontario
2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
 Best Wishes only!

440 THANK YOU

THE FAMILIES OF the late
 Ivan B. Ingram, Sr., who passed
 away peacefully on November
 7, 2002, would like to express
 their deep appreciation for all
 the memorial donations, food,
 cards, phone calls, visits and
 floral tributes. We have been
 overwhelmed with the generosity
 and kindness extended to us
 in our time of sorrow. Special
 thanks to the staff at Hyland
 Crest Senior Citizens Home,
 Nancy Pettit of Haliburton
 County Home Support Services,
 Rev. Peter Walford-Davis,
 Kirsten, Barry and the staff of
 the Gordon Monk Funeral
 Home, The Royal Canadian Legion,
 Branch 636, Minden, for
 the service and wonderful luncheon,
 Janet Bottom of the Alzheimer Society,
 Carole-Anne Schell, and all our dear friends
 for being there. We are forever
 grateful. **Jean, Linda, Sandy,**
Ivan and Debbie.

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You are invited to
Christmas Open House
Rickie Woods, Potter
Blairhampton Road, Minden
November 30th, December 1st
10 am to 5 pm
In conjunction with Haliburton Highlands Bed & Breakfast Christmas Tour
Follow the signs on Blairhampton Rd.
or call 286-1556

Lucy and Lisa Gray & Friends
1st Annual Christmas Sale
 Great Ideas for any time of the year Gift Giving
 Children's clothing, quilting, folk art, One of a kind stamped
 and 3-D cards, Victorian Styled Items, golf motif aprons,
 Spiced pecans and Christmas Baking.
 To mention a few
 The place to be is:
 Scotch Line Road - The Gray's (3 houses west of Highway 35)
 November 30 & December 1 • December 7 & December 8
 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

You are Invited to
Christmas Open House
Studio Rose
 Pottery, Raku, Sculpture, Prints
by Wayne & Sylvia Rose
November 30th & December 1st
10 am - 5 pm
 In conjunction with Haliburton Highlands Bed & Breakfast Christmas Tour
 4 driveways north of Blairhampton Golf Course on the corner of
 Duck Lake Road & Reynolds Road or call **286-3383**

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

440 THANK YOU

THE FAMILY OF the late Cecil Smith would like to thank our family, friends and neighbours for all the food, flowers and cards. We would like to thank the police and ambulance service for their kindness and support. A special thank you to Gordon, Kirsten and Barry for their support and kindness through this most difficult time. Thank you to my sister, Audrey, for the lovely lunch. Thank you, **The Smith Family.**

WE WOULD like to thank each and every one of you that could attend our 50th anniversary party at the curling club. A special thank you to B.T. and J.G. - we were happy to see you; also to those who stopped in with beautiful cards, flowers and gifts, and the cards that are still coming in the mail. A very special thank you to our kids and grandkids who made this an extra special day, one we will cherish forever. Thanks again. P.S. For a wonderful family - love Mom and Dad. **Les and Lorna Hogg.**

450 IN MEMORIAM

McKEE, HARRY - In loving memory of our dear husband, father and grandfather who passed away November 24, 2001. We cannot bring the good times back, Your hand we cannot touch, But we still have sweet memories Of the one we loved so much. What we would give to hold your hand, Your happy face to see, To hear your voice and see your smile, That meant so much to us. What you suffered you told but few, You didn't deserve what you went through, Tired and weary you made no fuss, But tried so hard to stay with us. They say memories are golden, And well, we guess that is true, But we never wanted memories, We only wanted you. Love always and forever, **Lil, Donnie, David and Sandra, Sarah, Christina and Kaitlyn.**

460 OBITUARIES

MARGARET "PEGGY" PACKER

Passed away peacefully at the Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home, Minden, on November 21, 2002. In her 85th year.

Beloved wife of Wally Packer. Dear mother of John and his wife Louise of Minden, Dennis of Cobourg. Loving grandmother of Julie, Sarah, Charlene, Katie, Ashleigh, Brandon, Emily and great grandmother of Brittany, Shawn and Jarrett. Dear sister of David Morris of Deal Kent, England. Private family arrangements. Memorial donations to the Hyland Crest Residents Council would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., Minden, Ontario.

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STEWART, WILLIAM (BILL):

(Retired employee of the Town of Whitby. Prior to retirement, Bill worked as a By-law Enforcement Officer. He also served as a CUPE steward. Bill had recently moved back to Oshawa. He had lived in Minden for the last few years. Suddenly at Lakeridge Health Oshawa on Friday, November 22, 2002, in his 68th year. Bill, beloved husband of the late Anne (nee Wensing). Dear brother of Ray. Special uncle to Scott McKenzie and his wife Kelly and their children Alayne, Arleigh and Alex. Bill will be fondly remembered by Theresa, Donny Smith, and by his many friends and extended family. The family will receive friends at the W.C. TOWN FUNERAL CHAPEL, 110 Dundas Street East, Whitby, (905-668-3410) from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m., Monday. Service in Chapel on Tuesday, November 26, 2002 at 11 a.m. followed by cremation. In memoriam, donations may be made to the Renascent Treatment Centre, 90 Colson Street, Brooklin, Ontario, L1M 1C1, or to the Canadian Cancer Society.

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460 OBITUARIES

MAXINE STEPHEN (nee Swann)

Passed away suddenly at the Minden Hospital, on Monday, November 18, 2002. In her 64th year.

Beloved wife of Tom of Minden. Dear mother of Mitchell, his wife Joyce and their children Erin and Travis, all of Haliburton, Helen and her children Gregory and Carrie of Minden. Dear sister of Wayne of Dunsford, John and Laurence, both of Calgary. Fondly remembered by many nieces and nephews. Friends were invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., P.O. Box 427, Minden, ON K0M 2K0 (1-888-588-5777) from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. on Thursday. Funeral Service was held in the Chapel on Friday, November 22, 2002 at 1:00 p.m. Cremation followed. Reception held at the Minden United Church (downstairs). Memorial donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) would be appreciated by the family.

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